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Last-ditch bid to halt big council shake-up

JORDAN DAY

THE role of chief executive at East Cambridgeshire District Council could be axed in a last-minute bid to halt radical restructure proposals at the authority.

Tonight is the night that a decision will be made on mammoth changes to both the make-up of the authority – and to the way services are provided.

As previously reported, Unison staff members say the authority's leader, James Palmer, is steering the council "in the wrong direction" by pressing ahead with changes without consultations having finished.

As a result, more than 20 staff could be made redundant and Unison fears frontline services are at risk.

Cllr Palmer insists "radical" changes are needed at the authority but he is adamant they will be "change for the better".

But now Independent councillors Andy Wright, of Littleport East ward, and Derrick Beckett, of Isleham ward, are hoping to scupper Cllr Palmer's restructure plans.

They fear the proposed changes to staffing levels will make the council "open to serious risk of continuity and dependant on one individual to instigate the proposals".

They will be putting forward a motion to all members at the meeting which they feel will "give the council much greater protection".

Their proposals involve deleting the post of chief executive, which is currently John Hill, and replacing the two proposed assistant director posts with three directors – all of equal status.

They also want those posts to be remunerated at similar levels to the previous management team and that the responsibilities for all departments at the council be shared equally between the three.

Cllrs Beckett and Wright are also proposing that the role of leader and deputy leader at the council are incorporated.

In the motion, which was leaked to *Ely News* ahead of the meeting, they said: "Having had time to discuss the proposed staffing changes we feel that with all senior positions at risk, save one, the council is open to serious risk of continuity and dependent on one individual to instigate the proposals.

"In our opinion, this (the motion) gives the council much greater protection in that major delegated decisions will be at worst two out of three, and that there is adequate cover for holidays, sickness etc.

"Also, the inclusion of the two senior members should ensure greater member/officer co-operation."

A spokesman for the council was unable to comment on the motion in detail but said: "This motion was a confidential paper which was to go to the council meeting for consideration by councillors."

Unison have confirmed that they will be lobbying the meeting, which is being held at the council's offices in Nutholt Lane, Ely, at 6.30pm.

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Tracy's delicatessen dreams a step closer to reality

NEW BUSINESS: Tracy Allgood is opening a new delicatessen on Ely's Market Place next month

A NEW delicatessen is on its way to Ely.

Mum-of-two Tracy Allgood, who has lived in the city for almost 20 years, is opening the new business in the former Ely Auction Rooms premises, on Market Place.

The delicatessen will be called Allgoods of Ely and Tracy, who is leaving behind a career in scientific sales to start the new venture, hopes to open its doors at the end of March.

Tracy, of Henley Way, said: "Opening my own delicatessen is something I've always wanted to do and it's an amazing feeling to know that I'm actually now doing it. I'll be selling fantastic cheeses, hams, salamis, olives, oils, cakes, chutneys; everything you'd expect to find in a good delicatessen I suppose.

"Everything will be focussed around great taste and I'll be stocking locally-sourced, grown and reared products as much as I can."

Search 'Allgoods of Ely' on Facebook for more information.

Ahoy! Pirate island needn't walk plank

CHRIS HAVERGAL

A PIRATE island which was built in the Cambridgeshire countryside has been saved from Davy Jones' Locker – after council landlubbers gave it planning permission.

The incredible Caribbean-style paradise was built without consent near Landbeach and could have faced demolition but now South Cambridgeshire District Council has decided everything is in shipshape condition.

In a consultation on the application, residents and parish councils were generally supportive of 'Challis Island', which was built by the multi-millionaire Dickerson family in a former gravel quarry and boasts a fully-functioning pub, derelict 'garrison', and a beach.

Permission was granted after plans were amended to include trees and hedges which screen the site, protecting them for the future.

Stephen Bradwell, the agent for the family, said: "It's a very good result and a very fair result. It doesn't harm

anybody, and it's in the countryside.

"I think council officers have been very fair with the proposal, given that it was built without planning permission."

Photographs of the island sparked amazement around the world when they emerged last July, showing a private hideaway designed to look like an abandoned 18th-century colonial outpost.

The timber buildings include the pub, dubbed the Black Doubloon, and the Coffer's Cabin, a guest house built in the style of a military commander's office.

There is also a thatched beach hut called the Lubbers Locker and a sun deck called Dead Man's Deck, which is designed to look like the ruins of a military hospital.

Sutton resident James Challis, the namesake of the island, is said to "simply love all things pirate" and described the project as a memorial to his grandfather John Dickerson, who built the Donarbon waste processing firm before selling it four years ago.

Cllr Nick Wright, the council's cabinet member for planning, said: "This has been a very interesting and unique application as it is not often you have someone build a pirate island – let alone this far from the sea.

"Although we have always been very positive about this application, and the owners have secured planning permission retrospectively, we always advice people to get in touch with us before they consider carrying out any work.

"By doing so we can advise them on what planning permissions they may need which can save them time and money when compared with seeking planning permission afterwards."

Two people injured as two vehicles collide in Wicken

TWO people suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle collision in Wicken.

Emergency services were called to the accident on the A1123, Stretham Road, at about 7.35am last Friday.

A spokesman for the East of England Ambulance Service said they sent two ambulances to the scene and that two people suffered minor injuries.

He said: "A man of unknown age suffered cuts to his head, and a woman in her 60s was suffering from chest and neck pain.

"Both patients were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for further assessment and treatment."

Both patients were described as being in a "stable condition" on arrival at Addenbrooke's.

Joy for commuters as flooded roads re-open

TWO roads which have been closed for around two months due to flooding have now re-opened.

The Causeway in Sutton Gault was re-opened at the weekend and vehicles were finally able to pass through the A1101 Welney Wash Road on Monday.

Both routes have been closed since December – forcing villagers and commuters to make lengthy detours.

Motorists who use the Wash Road are forced to travel up to an extra 30 miles when the route is flooded, and new electronic signs warning drivers about the closure in advance are yet to be installed.

Both roads were open at the time *Ely News* went to press.

BOLLYWOOD MOVES: The Ely Bollywood Fair is being held on Sunday, March 16 to raise money for charities

First Hollywood, now Bollywood!

HOLLYWOOD won't be the only thing coming to Ely next month.

As the city prepares for stars Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard to take over the cathedral for the filming of new movie, *Macbeth*, the Mayor of Ely, Elaine Griffin-Singh, is gearing up for a special Bollywood event.

On Saturday, Ely's Bollywood dancers taught Elaine some of their moves ahead of a big charity event called the Ely Bollywood Fair, which is happening on Sunday, March 16.

The extravaganza is being held at the Paradise Centre to raise money for the Mayor's Charity Fund and the GEN Initiative – an organisation working in the poorest villages of India to get rid of poverty.

Elaine has joined forces with Bollywood dance teacher Kriti Sachdeva to organise the event, which will feature Bollywood dance performances, Indian music, Indian food demonstrations, workshops and lots of stalls. It's running from 12-3pm and tickets will be £3 for adults and £1 for children on the door.

Calling all cat lovers!

FELINES will be the stars of the show in Little Downham next month.

The Ely and District branch of Cats Protection is holding its annual cat show and re-homing day on Saturday, March 8.

Cat owners from across the region – whether that be pampered pedigrees or much-loved moggies – are able to enter their pets in the competition.

The show, which is being held at the village hall, in Main Street, from 11am-3.30pm, is also open to the public, meaning families can simply browse the cats in the contest.

There will also be a number of felines at the event which are currently being cared for by the charity and which are seeking new homes.

For more information about the show, including entry details, call Linda on (01353) 699430.

Benefit cheat mum is spared jail spell

ADAM LUKE

A MOTHER who fraudulently claimed almost £60,000 in benefits has avoided an immediate prison sentence after the judge heard she cares for two disabled children round the clock.

Tina Bissett moved into her home in Longfield Road, Littleport, in autumn 2007 and signed forms requesting income support, housing and council tax benefits on the basis she was a single parent living alone with two dependant children.

But when her husband moved back in with her in the summer of 2009, having left her in 2002, she continued the claims until November, 2012, without notifying the authorities of the change in her living arrangements.

The 47-year-old pleaded guilty at Cambridge Crown Court to falsely claiming £39,524 in income support and £17,972 in council tax and housing benefits, under two separate charges.

Christopher Draycott, prosecuting, told the court the defendant originally denied she was back living with her husband when first interviewed by police in April 2012.

He added: "Both sums are on the process of being paid back through deductions from her current payments but this will take some time to be recovered."

Mark Shelley, mitigating, said his client, who also has adult children, teaches her 15-year-old son at home due to mental health problems and is carer to her 14-year-old daughter, who due to a degenerative disease is confined to a wheelchair.

Judge Jonathan Haworth told Bissett: "You allowed yourself to get into a situation where you were receiving benefits you were not entitled to.

"You are an intelligent woman and clearly were aware you had not notified the authorities when your husband moved back in."

He added: "These offences must be met with a prison sentence but due to the reliance of your children upon you, if I can avoid an immediate prison sentence I should do so."

Bissett was sentenced to a 12-month jail sentence, suspended for two years.

Linda Grinnell, head of finance at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime – it is the taxpayer who has to pay for those who try to cheat the system.

"We hope these judgements act as a real deterrent to anyone who thinks they can get away with claiming money they are not entitled to."

Dramatic police chase after car is rammed

A POLICE car was rammed – leading to a dramatic chase through East Cambridgeshire.

Police were called to an industrial unit it Littleport after receiving reports that fuel was being stolen from the site.

Officers attended and came across two men in a silver Vauxhall Omega.

They attempted to arrest the two men but they failed to stop and rammed past the police car before speeding off.

The officers gave chase but failed to keep up with the vehicle.

The dramatic incident happened at around 7.15pm last Thursday and police are urging anyone with any information to call them.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Constabulary said: "Officers pursued the vehicle to Little Downham where it was lost.

"The vehicle was later discovered abandoned in School Lane, Pymoor. Several containers of fuel were inside.

"An area search was carried out however the offenders have not yet been traced. Enquiries are ongoing."

Call police on 101.

Van thefts on the up

POLICE are urging van and truck owners in the Ely area to be extra vigilant against thieves.

Officers say there has been a hike in power tools and equipment being stolen from vans and trucks – mostly overnight.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said: "We have increased our night-time patrols, however, we urge all van owners to ensure their vehicles are kept out of sight as best as possible, and to remove any tools and equipment from their vehicles to reduce the risk of theft." Call police on 101 with any information.

Chance for under-18s to speak up on issues

ELY'S mayor has organised a special event to give local children and young people the chance to speak up.

Elaine Griffin-Singh is hosting a 'Meet the Mayor' drop-in morning for under-18s at the city's library, in The Cloisters, on Saturday.

Cllr Griffin-Singh said: "I know that the Ely area is blessed with having great children and young people and I want to hear what thoughts and ideas they have.

"I want to know what you think is good or bad about Ely and I want to know what young people think about the city.

"I'm interested to hear what young people think Ely or the area of East Cambridgeshire that they live in needs or would benefit from.

"Or it might just be that you are a young person who wants to ask me a question or know about certain things.

"I'd like to see as many under-18s coming along as possible.

"This is a great way to help shape the future of our much-loved city."

The event is running from 9.30am-12.30pm and is free.

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ART: Jessica Scanlon, 8, with some of her animal sculptures.

It's animal magic at museum

ANIMAL-themed activities enabled youngsters to let off some steam at Ely Museum.

The museum held a fun-filled 'Animal Antics' half-term event on Thursday.

Children of all ages unleashed their creative sides by making their own animal sculptures.

They let their imaginations run wild, sculpting everything from tiny mice to gigantic elephants.

The youngsters were also able to get up close to animal skulls and skeletons thanks to a display which is currently on loan to the museum.

Sarah Brown, the museum's assistant curator, said: "The event was really busy as we had lots of families through the doors.

"The children loved all the activities, which were mainly arts and crafts, but they also enjoyed trails around the museum."

Call (01353) 666655 for information about upcoming events.

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Plans lodged for village's homes

JORDAN DAY

INNOVATIVE plans to build 50 new homes and a doctors' surgery in Stretham have taken a major step forward.

About a year ago that the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust announced it wanted to develop land at Manor Farm, which lies east of Meadowcroft.

The trust was set up in 2011 and is the first of its kind in East Cambridgeshire.

Supported by the district council, Foundation East and both villages' parish councils, the trust's main aim is to promote and support economic and social life in the two parishes by developing properties which generate income to be re-invested in the local community.

All properties are protected by a legal 'asset-lock', which means they will remain in the ownership of the local community forever.

A formal planning application for 50 new homes to be built at Manor Farm – 35 of which would be private market housing units and 15 new affordable CLT-owned units for local people – has now been submitted to the district council.

The proposals also involve building a doctors' surgery, three small starter business units, a 0.24-hectare extension to the village cemetery and 1.08 hectares of new open space, including a new village green, footpaths and cycleways.

In a statement to the council, the trust's architects, Cambridge-based Haysom Ward Miller Chartered Architects, said: "This proposed development will provide the residents of Stretham with a unique opportunity to play a lead role in shaping their village to meet their future needs.

"The motivation behind this proposal is the creation of a sustainable village extension which is of the highest possible design standard.

"There is a generosity in the design, with the creation of open space, footpaths and green spaces, which will strengthen the relationship between the village and the countryside."

According to the trust, less than 100 new homes have been built in Stretham over the last 10 years and a shortage of places to live is driving young people away from the village.

To have your say on the proposals, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Fire station comes ninth in national contest

ELY Fire Station was in the top 10 in a national charity recycling competition.

Eight tonnes of unwanted clothing and textiles were donated at The Fire Fighters Charity clothing banks at fire stations across Cambridge-shire – raising £1,734 in total.

Chatteris Fire Station came fourth, St Neots finished seventh and Ely came ninth, meaning three of Cambridgeshire's stations were in the top 10.

About 530 stations took part in the competition, which ran throughout January.

Graham Stagg, chief fire officer at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The successes at our fire stations are testament to the generous people in the local communities who have endlessly supported our stations and crews in their work and charity efforts."

For every tonne donated, The Fire Fighters Charity receives £275.

Appeal after plans for new homes in Ely are rejected

AN appeal has been launched after plans to build two new homes in Ely were rejected.

In July, Mr Azzam Sawalhi applied for planning permission to build a pair of semi-detached houses on land at 22 Cambridge Road.

The proposals were rejected by planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council.

However, Mr Sawalhi has lodged an appeal against the council's decision with the Planning Inspectorate.

People have until March 18 to have their say on the appeal by visiting *www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs*.

Alternatively, write to Jonathan Alden, The Planning Inspectorate, 3/09 Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Village talk

THE village of Queen Adelaide will be the subject of a talk in Ely.

Chris Jakes will be hosting the talk at Ely Museum on Thursday, March 6 at 7.30pm.

WHERE THERE'S BRASS: From left, Leon Eden, Zoe Eden and Ruby Butcher brass-rubbing at Ely Cathedral

Doesn't time fly when you're having this much fun!

BRASS-rubbing and storytelling kept little ones entertained at the 'Ship of the Fens'.

Dozens of children flocked to Ely Cathedral last Wednesday for its action-packed half-term drop-in session.

A session was also scheduled to take place last Monday but had to be cancelled as a funeral was being held.

As ever, there were a whole host of activities to keep the youngsters busy, including the chance to create their own brass-rubbings.

There were also arts and crafts, storytelling and 'teddy bear trails' around the centuries-old building.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "Unfortunately our Monday session had to be cancelled as it wasn't suitable for children to be in the cathedral while a funeral was going on.

"The event on Wednesday was a huge success and the attendance was high. Our holiday drop-in sessions are always really popular and it's great to see so many youngsters letting off steam."

The activities are held every school break and are organised by education officer, Jan Munt. Call (01353) 659668.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Persistent thief is put behind bars

A PROLIFIC thief from Ely has been jailed.

Persistent offender Steven Barnes, 26, admitted to stealing £480 worth of equipment from Leigh Greenwood at West Suffolk Magistrates' Court.

The theft happened in Bury St Edmunds on October 25 last year when he stole a laptop, a Playstation 3 and a Samsung Galaxy mobile phone.

Barnes, of Lynn Road, pleaded guilty to a charge of theft in a dwelling and was sentenced to eight weeks in prison.

Live War Horse screening tonight

WAR Horse is being screened live from London's National Theatre in Ely tonight.

The screening is being held at The Maltings at 7pm and tickets are £12.50 for Ely Cinema members and £13.50 for non-members.

Call (01353) 666388.

Flower club's next demonstration

ANNE Marie Kendrick will be guest demonstrator at the City of Ely Flower Club's next meeting.

The demonstration, entitled 'Diversity', is being held at Ely College on Thursday, March 6 at 7.15pm.

Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 661457.

Hear singer Darren Jeffrey in Ely

RENOWNED bass-baritone Darren Jeffrey is coming to Ely next week.

He will sing at King's Ely's Hayward Theatre on Friday, March 7, at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the concert, which is being hosted by the King's Ely Concert Society, are £15 for adults and free for children.

Call (01353) 653931.

Tragic dad took new 'legal high'

JORDAN DAY

A YOUNG dad was found dead at his place of work due to asphyxiation and had taken a 'legal high', an inquest heard.

The body of popular father-of-two Aaron Wisbey, 37, was found in the early hours of October 31 last year.

Talented martial artist Mr Wisbey, of Lumley Close, Ely, was found by police lying face down on the floor at the garage at which he was a partner – Mercedes Benz specialists Stewart and Wisbey in Lynn Road, Chettisham.

An inquest into his death, held last Wednesday, was told the cause of death was asphyxiation, and that he had taken the relatively new drug, 5-MeO-DALT.

Giving evidence at the inquest, Det Insp Alan Page, from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, said officers were called to the garage at 2.55am.

He said: "Mr Wisbey's wife, Melanie, called police to say that he had not returned home. He had texted her at around 9.30pm to say that he wouldn't be at work much longer.

"Mrs Wisbey was unable to go to the garage herself as she had no vehicle and their two young children with her.

"When we arrived at the garage, we found the victim's car parked on the forecourt and the main door to the garage was unlocked.

"Mr Wisbey was found lying face down on the floor of the office. There was a laptop computer on the desk which was in standby mode and we can confirm that it was last used at 9.47pm on October 30.

"We found two sachets of powder in the room, as well as container close to the victim's body, with the label 'Jungle Juice'.

"Jungle Juice is a concoction commonly used as a type of 'popper', which ultimately leads to a head rush or high.

"We examined the CCTV cameras at the garage and they confirmed that nobody else had entered or exited the garage prior to or after Mr Wisbey's death."

Dr Martin Goddard, a pathologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, carried out a post mortem examination on Mr Wisbey and said his airway was obstructed.

He added: "There were levels of 5-MeO-DALT in his blood, which is a legal high and a type of popper.

"It's a drug which causes people to be light-headed and gives them a high.

"It's impossible to tell how much of a role the drug played in Mr Wisbey's death but it would have certainly contributed to it.

"It's a relatively new drug and nobody really knows at what level it becomes toxic but we do know that it can cause seizures, heart arrhythmias and even jaw clenching."

William Morris, coroner for North and East Cambridgeshire, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Ely's Royal British Legion raises record-breaking amount

A RECORD-BREAKING sum has been raised thanks to last year's Poppy Appeal in the Ely area.

The Ely branch of the Royal British Legion has announced that the 2013 campaign, to date, has raised in excess of £24,500 - and more money is still coming in.

It is the highest amount the branch has raised and nationally, the appeal raised around £37 million.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. *'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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A10 bypass was first blow to our ancient city's surroundings

PETER Nikolic's letter (*Ely News*, February 20) provides wisdom and truth about the myopic erosion of the ancient city centre and rural surrounds, all of which had such unique potential from their culture and environment.

The initial and gravest error was to build the A10 bypass across prime agricultural land, dividing fields and blocking lanes or droves in a great loop around the city to reconnect with the Lynn Road north of Littleport. This long way round, without any bridges (apart from a railway crossing), isolated the city and provided so-called developers with vast swathes of enveloped and denuded land ripe for building. The evolution of the city and its surrounds would have been so much better if, instead, the existing short route along the R. Ouse bank road from north of Littleport had been upgraded (including the R. Lark bridge) to link with the city and three main roads to Newmarket, Cambridge and March.

The only new bridge required would have been across the river and railway south of Ely station. This seemingly self-evident option would have eliminated the low railway bridge and level crossing problems nearly 30 years ago and avoided any need for the currently proposed southern bypass.

Mr Nikolic is right to mention the incessant construction and expansion projects which defile our land. This is the same land that in 1914-18 and 1939-45, two generations sacrificed themselves to protect, yet now it is despoiled by such schemes for no better reasons than well-disguised ambition and greed. It defies reason, logic and care for the future to build on further green sites in our damaged but still wondrous land.

The North Ely development and other huge greenfield building proposals will destroy large areas of agricultural land that have been farmed painstakingly for centuries to make it the productive and wildlife environment necessary to sustain life in perpetuity. Every 100 hectares destroyed robs us of vast amounts of food production. This is enough land to yield 1,000 tonnes of wheat (makes about 2,000,000 standard loaves) or grow about 4,000 tonnes of potatoes in one farming year. In rotation with other crops, this land will feed future generations and reduce reliance on imports.

Those charged with deciding on these detrimental enterprises could start to make amends by not allowing them to proceed. And then commit to a greater understanding and wiser investment in our cultural heritage and environmental future.

John Turner
Cromwell Road
Ely

We have a choice – it depends if we care about our future

I FIND it very disappointing that Don Quixote still rides against windmills ('Turbines are NOT a necessity' and 'Our area's not right for turbines', *Ely News*, February 20).

We have a choice.

We could do away with the electricity supply.

We can have nuclear power stations – if we don't care about the future.

Or coal fired power stations – if we don't care about the future.

Or gas fired power stations – if we don't care about the future.

Or windmills and solar panels.

There's no denying the effect of windmills on the scenery. But...

"They're dangerous" is just nonsense. Yes, there are possible hazards, but they're tiny compared to almost any other generating technology.

"They kill birds and bats" is disingenuous. We don't ban cars, lorries or aeroplanes, which kill far more.

"They're noisy" is disingenuous. We don't ban cars, lorries or aeroplanes, which are far noisier.

"You'll have to cover the whole country with them" isn't really true either. Yes, there'll have to be a lot of them, and they'll certainly have an effect on the scenery, but the farming beneath them will carry on as if nothing had changed.

Then there's those solar panels. Maybe it's not such a good idea to cover up valuable farmland with them, but for not very much more cost we could put them over car parks, and keep your car cool into the bargain; or over roads, and keep the glare of a low sun out of drivers' eyes. We can cover existing roofs with them. We can construct new roofs using them instead of other materials, if someone puts a bit of design effort into it.

There are solutions to the intermittency problem, too.

Clive Semmens
New Barns Avenue
Ely

Firm's own statistics suggest wind turbines are not reliable

THERE is no doubt wind turbines make a lot of money for 'green energy' companies and their advisors who are able to put pressure on politicians.

Our politicians suddenly became 'scientists' when that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas and the cause of global warming because it led to a new idea for taxation (the carbon tax) that they could spin as being of benefit to us. I accept that the Earth is going through another phase of global warming but the causes are very complex and also uncertain, what caused the warming in mediaeval and Roman times?

I am not a member of an anti-wind farm pressure group but I decided to take an interest in the Berry Fen Wind Farm proposal after reading the claim of REG Windpower (*Ely News*, February 20) that the wind turbines 'could provide enough renewable energy to power approximately 4,500 homes'. This claim seems to be misleading and needs closer examination using data from 2012 on their website.

January was their best month, their turbines had the capability of producing 744MWh of energy per MWh installed if they were operating all of the time but the actual figure was 308.5MWh. In simpler terms this is just 13 full days' worth of electricity in a month of 31 days. In February it dropped sharply to 7 full days, was at its lowest in July at 6 days and only rose as high as 10 days in December. Over the year the turbines only produced 26 full days of energy, unlike conventional power stations that produce 365 full days of energy a year. Therefore wind turbines cannot reliably contribute to the National Grid. Rather than a peak figure of providing electricity to 4,500 homes, it seems a more realistic claim would be that the Berry Fen Wind Farm could provide electricity to around 1,400 homes for a full month every year, or would provide the electricity equivalent to that used by 120 homes per year.

If my interpretation of this data is incorrect I hope someone at REG Windpower will respond and point this out to improve my own understanding of the data but I have not spotted any errors in my analysis.

Terry Hayes
By e-mail

Council should put its cards on table over planned changes

REGARDING the story 'Council is being steered in wrong direction' – *Ely News*, February 13. If I have understood the article correctly the Conservative leader of East Cambs District Council intends to make changes in the make-up of the council and provision of services without fulfilling the council's obligation to properly consult.

I would agree with Councillor Palmer that it is necessary to plan for the future; however he appears to be doing this by getting his retaliation in first as it is very likely that the conservatives will lose control of the council in the 2015 elections. These elections are the uncertain future Councillor Palmer refers to.

Councillor Palmer should come clean now and publicly outline his proposals and confirm that the full council is aware of the ramifications of the proposed changes and the implications for employees of the council and service users. He should also confirm that the correct decision-making processes are being followed and not just a small group of councillors getting together to take rushed ill-thought-through decisions based on political ideology leaving the people of East Cambs to suffer the consequences for years to come.

Elections will happen in 2015, if he is confident his proposal are the right way forward he will put his case to the electorate, wait for the elections and let the people decide and not deny us the right to do so.

I encourage everyone to contact your local councillor and demand to know what the proposals are, what the implications for services and whether they support Councillor Palmer's approach. We can then make our decision through the ballot box. It's called democracy not dictatorship.

Paul Farley
Reads Street
Stretham

Nuclear is only realistic option for future energy generation

I SHOULD like to endorse the comments made by John Stoneman in the in the February 13 edition of the *Ely News*.

The whole "Green Energy" policy is an ill-thought-out shambles. Building hundreds of windmills at incredible expense is sheer lunacy. Back-up using fossil fuels will be needed when the wind refuses to blow, not to mention that the companies are actually PAID for these periods of non-generation and when they are generating, they are paid several times the going rate for the electricity they do produce!

The only realistic option is nuclear. We, the country which pioneered the fast breeder and advanced gas cooled reactor, have destroyed the industry by neglect, so we have to go cap in hand to France, Japan or USA for the technology. The fast breeder can be configured to produce hydrogen as a by-product, ideal as a "green" fuel for transport.

Unfortunately, successive governments have been too cowardly to stand up to the small, but extremely vociferous anti-nuclear lobby, so now the foreign companies with nuclear expertise have us over a barrel!

Some of our coal-fired stations have been converted to burn "biomass", ie wood pellets. These are imported from Canada in ships burning ,yes, you have guessed it, fossil fuel! The pellets have then to be transported across country from the port, burning yet more fuel. Most of our coal-fired stations are built on coal fields, for obvious reasons.

Ed Davey has promised that there will be no power shortages. This is to be achieved by having DIESEL back-up generators on stand-by; the owners of these machines are already being paid millions of pounds and will be paid several times the going rate for their electricity.

If all this fails, as it probably will, and individuals buy petrol-electric generators, now available for a few hundred pounds (I have seen them for sale on Ely market) this will be a catastrophe for the environment, in whose name all this is being done. The theoretical maximum efficiency of a petrol engine is 25%, a diesel is 35%, whereas a big thermal station can approach 50% by using very high temperatures and steam pressures, there is also the added bonus that all the exhaust gases are concentrated in one place,so can be more easily "scrubbed".

If the whole of the UK shut down tomorrow, the reduction in global CO_2 would be a meagre 2%, this at a time when India and China are building coal-fired stations at a rate of four a month, thus completely negating our puny efforts.

Our politicians arrogantly prate that we are "leading the way by our example" and we are creating jobs – the windmill blade company on the East Coast closed down and we import most of the components! Far from following our lead, other countries look on with incredulity as we beggar ourselves with this insane so-called energy policy, all funded by unnecessary levies on our electricity bills.

Alan Frobisher
Beald Way
Ely

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Brian donates his 75th pint

A MAN who is registered blind has been rewarded for donating his 75th pint of blood.

Brian Gowler, 60, received an award from NHS Blood and Transport for the milestone donation.

Mr Gowler, who lives in Littleport with his wife, Annie, said: "I started giving blood around 25 years ago.

"I might be registered disabled but that can't stop me from helping others and you get such a good feeling when you donate. I'd urge everyone to do it if they're able to."

Anyone aged between 17-65 and in general good health can potentially give blood. Call 0300 123 23 23 or visit *www.blood.co.uk*.

TOP DONOR: Brian Howler from Littleport

Bank manager stole £176,000

CHRIS HAVERGAL

A BANK manager and former Ely City footballer who stole £176,000 to fund his gambling addiction has been jailed for three years.

Joshua Bridgeman created a huge number of fictitious transfers to move money around Barclays' systems before creaming off the surplus cash – pocketing up to £6,000 a month.

The 28-year-old had denied theft but was convicted after a trial at Cambridge Crown Court.

The jury heard Bridgeman, the son of a policeman who previously played for Ely City FC, started the scam in 2007 when he worked at the Barclays branch in St Neots.

He created false documents to cover his tracks and worked his way up to assistant manager in Ely, a role which also saw him sent to other branches as a 'troubleshooter'.

JAILED: Joshua Bridgeman

Bridgeman, of Lee Close, Cottenham, was caught in an internal investigation in March 2012.

He admitted falsifying documents but said he had done this in an effort to get to the bottom of an error he discovered.

Det Con Sharon Garrett, from Cambridgeshire Police, said: "Bridgeman was a highly valued and trusted member of the bank.

"He worked his way up to assistant manager and would be sent to other bran-ches as a trouble-shooter.

"He knew the systems inside out having worked for the bank since leaving school and was able to use that knowledge to stay under the radar for some time.

"He stole a huge amount of money and the sentence shows how seriously such a breach of trust is taken by the courts."

No customers lost money from Bridgeman's scam.

After leaving Barclays, he ran a lettings and property management firm from Ellis Close, Cottenham.

Trip to Westminster was 'best to date'

GOVERNMENT and politics students were given VIP treatment during a trip to Westminster after gaining special access to Downing Street.

It was the first time King's Ely Sixth-Form has been given permission to let the Year 12 students walk down the street during their annual trip, as public access is usually forbidden for security reasons.

The students also went behind the scenes at the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court, where they welcomed the chance to sit in the Justice Ministers' chairs.

They also took part in an education workshop which evaluated the role of select committees, and were lucky enough to meet George Freeman, Conservative MP for Mid Norfolk, for an intimate group discussion.

"This was the best Westminster trip to date, largely due to the variety of activities we were able to arrange this year," said the students' teacher Sharon Jackson.

Do all you can to fight off winter flu

EAST Cambridgeshire residents who have a respiratory condition are being urged to take precautions to help prevent them from catching the flu.

NHS East Anglia experts say people living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and other forms of respiratory illness are particularly vulnerable during colder weather, and that changes in temperature can trigger symptoms, and the rise of viral infections such as flu can lead to people needing extra care and support, or even being admitted to hospital in some cases.

The call from NHS England is part of its 'The earlier, the better' campaign, which aims to encourage people who are more vulnerable to get help from their pharmacist sooner rather than later.

Expert advice can be provided by pharmacists on routine management of long-term conditions, as well as for ailments such as a bad cough, wheezing, a cold or a sore throat.

Residents, if they are eligible, are also being advised to get the flu jab.

For more information, speak to your GP.

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Deaths

GOODGE
Elizabeth Mai (Liz)
(nee Jackson)

Of Ely, passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday, 19th February, 2014, aged 51 years. Dearly loved wife of Brian, devoted mother of Luke and Sam, loving daughter of Sheila and the late Vic and much loved sister of Valerie and Roger.
For Funeral arrangements please contact Ely Funeral Service. Tel: 01353 666566. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW.

LEE
Janet

Of Barton Road, Ely, died peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday 15th February 2014.

The funeral will be held at The Fenland Crematorium, March, on 28th February at 1.30pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations to British Polio Fellowship.

LEE
Margaret

Of Soham, passed peacefully away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday, 23rd February, 2014, aged 82 years. Beloved wife of the late Tom, a much loved mum, nana, great-nana and sister.
Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium - East Chapel on Thursday, 6th March, at 2:30pm. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, Cambs. CB7 5BN. Tel. 01353 720439.

Deaths

WILSON
Terence
(Terry)

Of Littleport, sadly passed away at home on Thursday, 20th February, 2014, with his family by his side, aged 70 years. A very dear husband to Christine and dad to Jennifer and Paul, also a loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Terry you will be greatly missed and we were so blessed to be a part of your life. Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn on Tuesday, 11th March, 2014, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW. Dress code a splash of colour please.

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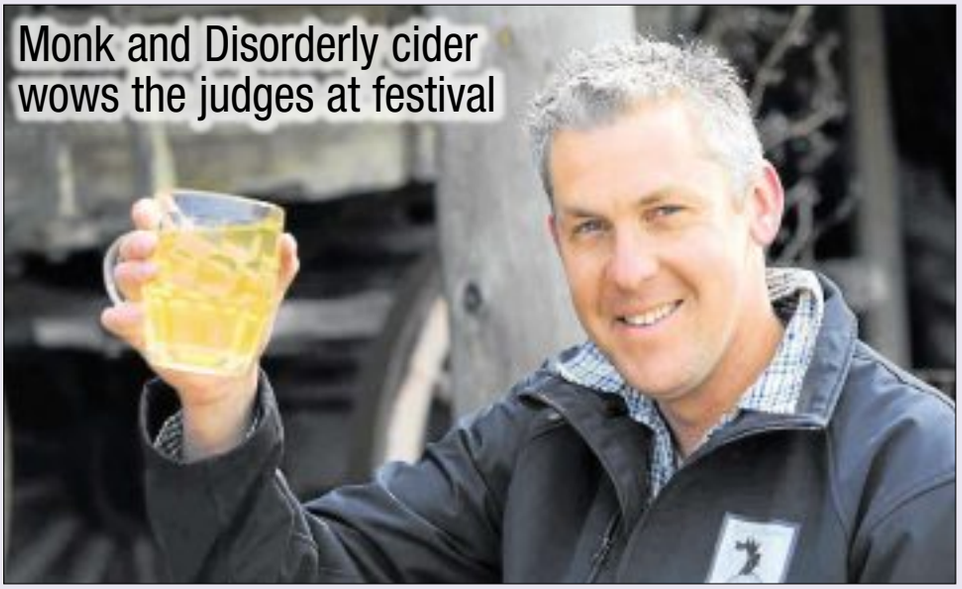
Monk and Disorderly cider wows the judges at festival



SUCCESS STORY: Farmer Jonny Fuller pictured at Spinney Abbey Farm with a glass of his Monk and Disorderly cider

A CIDER inspired by a murdered monk believed to haunt a Cambridgeshire farm has won a prestigious award.

Tastebud-tickling Monk and Disorderly was only launched last year but has just been crowned Champion Cider at the annual Norwich Beer Festival.

Friends Jonny Fuller, whose parents own Spinney Abbey Farm in Wicken, and Jonny Watkins, who lives in Soham and works at the farm, are the men behind the cider, which is the first drink they have ever produced.

It is named after a murdered monk believed to haunt the farm, which is best-known for its award-winning meats.

To celebrate the win, the duo are hosting a community party at Soham Town Rangers Football Club on Saturday night.

The event is running from 7pm until late, local singer Becky Rayner will be performing, entry is free and pints of the cider will cost just £2 all night.

Visit *www.spinneyabbey.co.uk*.

Bidders fail to meet Croylands' reserve

JORDAN DAY

A LISTED building which has been at the centre of a contentious planning application is still on the market after it failed to sell at auction.

Croylands, in Cambridge Road, Ely, was due to be sold at an auction in London on Monday.

However, despite "significant interest", the highest bid was £636,000 – £14,000 short of the £650,000 reserve.

Simon Riggall, from Lambert Smith Hampton, the specialists handling the sale of the Grade II listed building, said: "Unfortunately, Croylands didn't sell.

"It's quite surprising as it attracted significant interest and we had 15 people who downloaded the legal backs for the building, which is usually a sure sign that they are keen.

"The highest bid was £636,000 which was just short of the £650,000 reserve.

"We're confident the reserve will be met very shortly though."

According to the listing, the former vicarage and day care centre, which boasts about half an acre of land, "will need to be retained in any development plans".

Lambert Smith Hampton saysthat it "may be suitable for a variety of uses including residential, office, hotel and healthcare".

Last month, retirement home developer McCarthy and Stone abandoned its plans for Croylands after Cambridgeshire County Council announced it would be putting the property back on the market.

The Dorst-based company wanted to transform the building, which is in Ely's conservation centre, into apartments for the elderly.

The proposals involved restoring the building, which is crumbling into a state of decay, and demolishing part of it at the rear to make way for a three-storey extension.

The scheme was one of the most controversial planning applications East Cambridgeshire District Council has ever received, attracting more than 200 letters of objection in total, and eventually, in December, the plans were thrown out for good.

The main reasons were that the scheme was considered to be overdevelopment of the site and that the applicants were not prepared to offer enough money for social housing in the district.

But an ecological study had also not been carried out correctly meaning that Great Crested Newts, which were reported to be in the area, would have been at risk.

For more information about the building, visit *www.lsh.co.uk*.

Museum seeks one or two green-fingered volunteers

PEOPLE with a passion for gardening are being given the chance to put their green-fingered skills to the test.

The Denny Abbey Farmland Museum, near Chittering, is looking for one or two new gardening volunteers.

It comes after the museum's former allotment volunteer recently stepped down after 12 years.

A museum spokeswoman said: "We need one or two people to help maintain the allotment, keeping the weeds down, planting the crops and harvesting them throughout the year."

For more information, call the museum's manager, Ann Wise, on (01223) 860988 or email *info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk*.

King's Ely's annual gala concert is this Saturday

SOME of King's Ely's most talented singers and musicians are joining forces for a free concert this weekend.

The school's annual gala concert is being held at the Hayward Theatre on Saturday night and will include pieces by King's Ely Orchestra and the school's chapel choir.

The winners of the inaugural concerto competition, students Yuki Kimura and Isaac Bateman, will also be entertaining the audience. The concert starts at 7.30pm and admission is free.

The majority of tickets have already been reserved but there are still some seats available by calling Sophie Collier on (01353) 653931 or emailing *music@kingsely.org*.

Doctors voice homes worry

JORDAN DAY

DOCTORS at St Mary's Surgery in Ely have "major" concerns over plans to build two new houses on land next to the practice.

They insist St Mary's Street cannot cope with any extra traffic and that the proposed access to the site for the new homes is not suitable.

As previously reported, governors at King's Ely want to build two three-bedroom houses on land at the rear of 35, which is in the city's conservation area.

The school, which owns number 35 and formerly used it as a boarding facility for its pupils, says the new properties will be built to ensure they "complement their surrounding context".

But nearby residents, the City of Ely Council and the Ely Society are calling for the proposals to be refused by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Now the doctors' surgery and district councillors Richard Hobbs and Lis Every, who represent Ely East ward, are also calling for plans to be rejected.

In a letter to the council, Dr D McCormack, speaking on behalf of the practice, said: "The lane is barely wide enough for two vehicles at present. Often one car will have to reverse and the addition of a further source of traffic is a major concern to us.

"If cars cannot pass or are reluctant to pass (very often the case in practice), cars back up in St Mary's Street causing considerable congestion."

City councillors say the proposals amount to "overdevelopment of the site", that the access to the site is "not acceptable" and the homes will have a "detrimental impact on the visual scene of Parade Lane", onto which the properties would back.

The district council's conservation officer, Lorraine Brown, is also concerned.

She said: "The proposal effectively seeks consent for backland development that is not in keeping with this part of Ely Conservation Area."

She says the new homes "would neither preserve nor enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area in this location."

The school's agents say the "space available has been fully utilised with regard to the sensitivities and constraints of the site".

They added: "The positioning of the new houses has been sited to ensure the impact of the built form complements its surrounding context, particularly with regard to neighbour amenity, orientation, impact on trees, wider distance views and overall visual impact on the conservation area."

The final decision lies with the district council.

GREAT FUN: Participating children, from left, Felix Smith, Noah Smith, Tessa Guy, Leon Smithall, and George Patten

Getting creative with glass!

EXCITED children were able to unleash their creative sides at Ely's Stained Glass Museum.

The museum, located inside Ely Cathedral, held a half-term family glass fusing workshop on Wednesday.

Youngsters rolled up their sleeves and created their own fused glass decorative tiles and hanging light-catchers in the workshop, before taking their masterpieces home with them.

For information about upcoming events at the museum, call (01353) 660347 or visit *www.stainedglassmuseum.com*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fenland is focus of group's talk

MIKE Petty will be guest speaker at tomorrow's Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely.

The talk, entitled 'Fenland books, paper and digital', is being held at the library at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

Herman's Hermits come to town!

REMEMBER Herman's Hermits are coming to Soham tomorrow night.

The British band are performing at The Brook, in Brook Street, at 8pm as part of their 50th anniversary tour. Tickets are £18. Call (01353) 721748.

Jive the night away in Littleport

SOUNDS of the 1950s and 60s will be taking over Littleport Ex-servicemen's Club on Saturday.

Hit band Get Back are performing at the club, in Pont's Hill, at 9pm. Tickets, which are available on the door, are £6 for members and £7 for non-members. Call (01353) 860378.

Put on your dancing shoes...

A COUNTRY music night is being held at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow on Saturday.

Paul Bailey is hosting the event. Chris Booth will also be holding a tea dance at the club, in Putney Hill Road, on Sunday. Call (01353) 688269.

Creative Ely to meet next week

PEOPLE in the Ely area who are involved in the creative industries – listen up.

The Creative Ely group's next meeting is at The Cutter, in Annesdale, on Tuesday, March 4 at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 668877.

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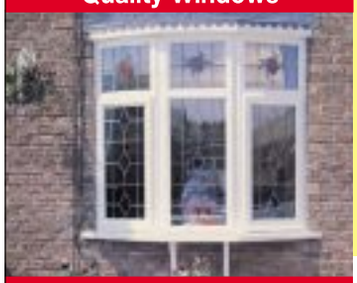

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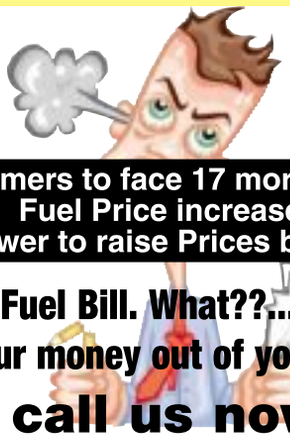

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CONCERNS: The former Starbucks premises in Ely's High Street

Renovation could have impact on Ely markets

JORDAN DAY

MARKET traders could suffer if plans to transform an empty shop in Ely into an opticians are approved, it is feared.

The city's town centres team is worried that if plans to turn the former Starbucks premises in High Street into a Boots Opticians are given the green light, market stallholders could be affected.

In December, bosses at Boots applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council to turn the Grade II-listed building into a Boots Opticians.

Residents say another opticians is the "last thing" Ely needs – especially with the premises being adjacent to Specsavers.

And in a letter to planners, Julia Davis, from the district council's town centres team, said: "We are concerned that any exterior works and scaffolding associated with this property will have an adverse affect on our weekly markets on Thursday and Saturday.

"It would probably mean the loss of two or three regular market pitches, which obviously has a financial loss for us as the market operator and for our regular traders losing their pitch and livelihood for the duration of the works being carried out."

The building in question has stood empty for about 18 months, and while some insist having another opticians is better than the premises remaining empty, others say having two opticians next door to each other is "ludicrous".

Juliette Ausden, of Fieldside, Ely, said: "Yet again plans are submitted for something which Ely really doesn't need.

"We have plenty of opticians in the city centre and for Boots to want to open one right next door to Specsavers is ludicrous.

"The building in question is large and is in a prime spot in the High Street – why can't we have something exciting like a new clothes boutique or a wine bar?"

Neither Specsavers nor Boots were willing to comment on the proposals but in a statement to the council, Boots' agents, Lewis and Hickey, said: "As a responsible retailer, Boots UK understands the requirement to preserve the building and any alterations to the building must be suited to the building and its surroundings."

They say renovating the premises into an opticians would complement the services Boots offers from its existing store in Ely's Market Place.

The final decision lies with the district council.

Apprenticeship opportunity in city

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Busy Fingers Pre-school in Little Downham is holding the event at the village hall from 10am-noon.

Entry is 50p for adults and free for children. Tables are £6 and should be booked by calling 07919 524952.

Peter Pan performances in city

POPULAR fairytale *Peter Pan* is being staged in Ely.

The CB6 Theatre Company is performing its adaptation of the childhood classic at Ely College on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 4 and 5.

Performances are at 7.30pm and tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for students. Call (01353) 652835.

Diary date for U3A members

THE Ely and District branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) next meets on Tuesday, March 4.

The club meets at the Countess Free Church in Chapel Street on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Relax and unwind at Ely Library

A MEDITATION session is being held at Ely Library on Tuesday, March 4 from 10.45am-11.45am. Call 07901 774660.

District charities given cash boost by 'dragons'

JORDAN DAY

CHARITABLE groups are hundreds of pounds better off thanks to a *Dragons' Den* style event.

Voluntary and Community Action East Cambridgeshire (VCAEC) held an event – similar to the hit BBC2 show – to share out £2,000 among local voluntary groups.

EARTH was awarded £450 to help renovate and re-launch its fresh produce market cart and the award-winning K9 Project was given £250 to help it continue running Walk Support, its volunteer-led dog walking scheme for people in need.

Soham Heritage and Tourism received £250 to help fund a special First World War project, Lifecraft scooped £400 for its drama outreach project, Serv Suffolk and Cambridgeshire was awarded £250 to provide hi-visibility jackets for new members and Highfield Friends and Parents Association was given £400 to help fund its 'keep dancing' project.

The 'dragons' were Mark Peters, from Star Radio, Elaine Griffin-Singh, the Mayor of Ely and Alan Hampson, chair of VCAEC. The funding came from the East Cambridgeshire District Council Community Fund Grant Scheme and the Sanctuary Group Grand Ideas Fund.

Mr Hampson said: "It would have been lovely to be able to hand out cheques for £500 to everyone as all the groups we saw were worthy causes."

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CASH BOOST: Ely's Mayor, Elaine Griffin-Singh, centre, with representatives from each of the charitable groups

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Labour vote 'being lost in system'

JORDAN DAY

THE number of Labour councillors in East Cambridgeshire would soar if a new voting system was introduced, according to new research.

In many of the rural areas around Cambridge, around one in five residents votes Labour, but the first-past-the-post system used at elections mean just a handful or none of the party's candidates win.

A study by the Electoral Reform Society found this would be transformed if proportional representation was used to allocate seats according to the number of votes cast across the district.

For example, in South Cambridgeshire, 22 per cent of people voted Labour at the last election, but there is currently just one Labour councillor. Under proportional representation, there would be 12.

In East Cambridgeshire, which has no Labour councillors, the 15 per cent of votes cast at the most recent poll would elect six members, while in Huntingdonshire the number of councillors would increase from one to seven, based on 13 per cent of the vote.

Daniel Zeichner, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Cambridge, says Labour voters are "not getting the representation they deserve".

He said: "These Labour voters are being let down by an electoral system which punishes our widely distributed vote. It's time to change that system so voters get what they vote for.

"Councils across Cambridgeshire are suffering from a lack of decent opposition, with the ruling party given far more representation than their vote share suggests."

However, it is unlikely the voting system will be changed soon. In 2011, a referendum was held on whether to use the alternative vote method for parliamentary elections, but the status quo was supported by a margin of 68 per cent to 32 per cent.

MOTORCYCLE MANIA: Members of the new Ely College Motorbike Club at work on one of the bikes

Giving unwanted motorbikes some TLC

MOTORCYCLE-MAD students at Ely College are in their element thanks to the launch of a new club.

Local biking enthusiast Giles Cornell has helped to set up a motorbike club for Year 10 students.

Members all have a keen interest in motorcycles and are currently working on four bikes in various states of repair, and aim to sell on those which they can make roadworthy.

Other safe but less marketable bikes will be used by the team as training bikes at a dirt-track, where Giles and other instructors will provide elementary lessons in motorcycle safety and maintenance.

The club is keen to have more bikes to work on. If you can help, email Andrew Fisher on *afisher@elycollege.co.uk*.

Chance for young musicians to shine

TALENTED young musicians in the Ely area are being given the chance to star in the Britten Sinfonia Academy.

Britten Sinfonia, one of the UK's most acclaimed chamber orchestras, is currently recruiting young musicians of secondary school age from across the East of England for the academy, which is its youth ensemble.

The academy, funded through the Monument Trust, is seeking advanced players of orchestra instruments of grade 8 standard or equivalent, aged 11 to 19, who love to make music and work with some of the country's finest chamber musicians.

Auditions will be held during April.

Since its formation in 2012, the academy, alongside courses throughout the academic year, has performed at venues including London's Barbican Centre, Cambridge's West Road Concert Hall and Norwich's Theatre Royaland worked with guest artists including composer Philip Cashian.

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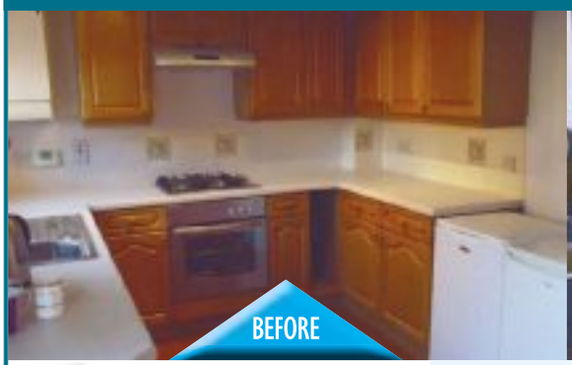

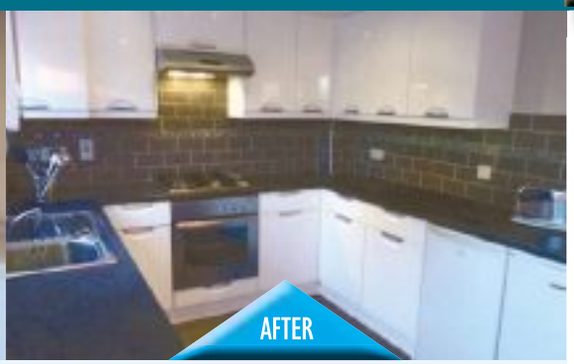

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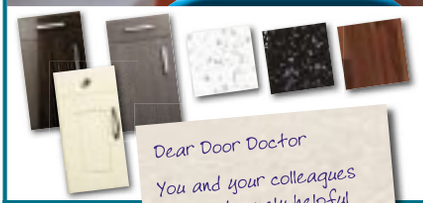

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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RETROSPECTIVE proposals have been submitted after a garage was built without planning permission.

Mr J Adams, of Branch Bank, Prickwillow, has now applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for retrospective planning permission.

A decision is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say or to view the proposals, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Sale to boost British Red Cross

A JUMBLE sale in Ely will be raising money for the British Red Cross.

The sale is being held at the Ely Centre, in West Fen Road, on Saturday from 10am.

It's time to party at Ely City FC!

DANCE the night away at Ely City Football Club next weekend.

Hit bands Jacen Bruce and The Memphis, and The Jonny Cash Story are performing at the club, in Downham Road, on Saturday, March 8.

Davey Wiz will also be on the decks at the event, which is running from 8pm-midnight.

Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door.

For tickets, visit Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage or call 07971 185904.

Make new friends at lunch club

SOHAM Lunch Club next meets on Monday, March 3.

The club meets at The Cherry Tree public house, in Fordham Road, on alternate Mondays from 12.30pm-2.30pm.

New members are welcome. Call 07827 966475 for more information.

FIRST PRIZE: Leila Harrison at work at Jones and Co Hairdressing in Ely

Leila shines in hair competition

TRAINEE hairdresser Leila Harrison has proved she is a cut above the rest.

Leila, 21, who works at Jones and Co Hairdressing in Ely, scooped first place in a prestigious competition at Cambridge Regional College (CRC).

The contest, which saw hair stylists from across Cambridgeshire battling it out, was the Level 2 West End Shows Creative Hair Competition – and talented Leila, who is a junior stylist at the salon, was awarded first place.

Leila, who trained at CRC and lives in Littleport, said: "Obviously I'm over the moon I won. The competition was really quite tough as a lot of stylists entered."

Simon Hamer, Leila's boss, said: "We're really pleased – Leila did brilliantly and she should be as proud of herself as we are of her. A lot of stylists entered this contest so indeed the competition was fierce."

Jones and Co is based in Broad Street.

Muslim plan safety fears

JORDAN DAY

OPPOSITION is mounting against plans to build a Muslim community and prayer centre on a busy business park.

More and more companies based on the Chettisham Business Park have lodged formal objections to Ely Muslims' plans to transform the former Aquarius Furniture warehouse on the business park, in Lynn Road, into a community and prayer centre.

As previously reported, the group wants to turn a 280sq m area inside the warehouse into a meeting point for local Muslim families where they can worship and celebrate religious activities and cultural festivals.

But firms based on the business park say that the development, if approved, would be an "accident waiting to happen".

Mr D Cassam, from Ely's Removal Service, said: "I rent the storage unit next door to where this proposed site would be situated and the access to this centre would be the same access we use to transport large and heavy pieces of furniture constantly during our working day.

"Another key factor is the loading bay situated close to the steps. This loading bay is used by heavy forklift trucks/pallet trucks; another case for alarm is when it comes to pedestrian access, especially children. It would be an accident waiting to happen."

Sarah Carter, finance director at Holloseal, said: "We are located at the entrance to the park and are constantly using our large frontage on the circular road with both lorries and forklifts.

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Over 60s club's bash is a blast

THERE was fun and laughter galore at Soham Over 60s Club's annual lunch and entertainment party.

Members and their friends and family flocked to the event at the town's Walter Gidney Pavilion.

Attendants enjoyed a tasty four-course lunch, including a choice of apple pie or sherry trifle for dessert, as well as the ever-popular grand raffle and entertainment.

A spokeswoman for the club said: "Our annual lunch and entertainment is always a great success and this year's event was no exception.

"We all had a great time – there's always plenty of laughter and it's nice to get together."

Soham Over 60s Club was founded in 1948 to continue the community spirit which prevailed in the Second World War.

In the days before television, members provided their own entertainment, such as singing and dancing in fancy dress or playing cards and dominoes.

FUN TIMES: Soham Over 60s Club committee members, back from left, Peggy Gibbon, Maureen Hardingham and Diane Wheeling; front from left, Jean Wells, Ruth Ginn and Sheila Knight.

OAP conned out of £5k

JORDAN DAY

AN elderly woman has been left £5,000 out of pocket by a telephone scam which sees fraudsters posing as police officers.

Cambridgeshire Police issued a fresh warning urging residents not to fall foul of the scam, which has been taking place over the last three months.

The latest victim is an 88-year-old woman from the Fenland area who was conned out of £5,000.

The scam sees fraudsters telling people over the phone that either a criminal has been arrested with a substantial sum of money on them and a list of names and addresses, including theirs, or that their bank is under investigation for putting fraudulent bank notes into their bank account.

They then advise the victim to call their bank using a number on the back of their bank card, or the police on 101. The victim hangs up but the caller does not and the call is not terminated.

As a result and without realising it, the victim starts talking to the fraudster again, thinking they have called their bank or the police.

Following a conversation, the offender either claims he will need to examine the victim's bank card and will need their PIN number as it might be compromised or that they should withdraw several thousands of pounds so that the 'police' can forensically check the bank notes as part of their investigation.

The caller says he will send a courier or taxi to their home to collect the card or money. A smartly dressed man or innocently involved courier or taxi driver will arrive at the victim's home. The cash or the bank card and PIN number is then taken and used to withdraw cash.

Police say banks will never ask for someone's PIN number over the phone and that anyone who receives similar calls should put the phone down and call 999.

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New home planned for Coveney

A NEW property could be built in Coveney.

Thomas Munt, of School Lane, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a new dwelling on land where he lives.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk* to have your say.

Motown night boosts Lisa's fund

A MOTOWN tribute night has raised £800 for the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund.

The AC Motown Show hosted the event at The Brook, in Soham, earlier this month.

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Nat's phoenix burns bright

When Nat Barden suffered a brain haemorrhage, doctors didn't think she'd survive. Against the odds she pulled through – but that was just the beginning of her long journey to recovery; a journey that continues. Emma Higginbotham reports.

I'LL NEVER forget seeing myself for the first time: the front of my head had been shaved, and I had this great big scar, which was still a little bit bloody, and my face was frozen. I looked so tiny, so thin and emaciated, with these enormous, terrified eyes. I was just staring at myself, thinking 'That's not me'. I literally didn't recognise myself."

Nat Barden was 24 when a devastating brain haemorrhage nearly killed her. It should have been a perfect day: it was August 2003, and she and her fiancé had travelled to the Creamfields music festival in Liverpool to see their favourite band. By the end of the night she was in intensive care, with the odds stacked firmly against her.

"I woke up with a headache that morning, and it intensified throughout the day," recalls Nat, curled up on the sofa with her black cat, Simba. "I took some Paracetamol with my lunch, then we went to the site.

"It was a funny atmosphere; normally at festivals it's very friendly, but people were walking around looking really miserable, so we ended up drinking quite a lot, just to get a bit more lifted before seeing Massive Attack. That was one of the main reasons we went up."

Before long, Nat's headache became unbearable. "It got to a point where I was in so much pain I was kneeling on the floor, being sick. I went really white, and things started to spin." Worried, her boyfriend wanted to fetch help, "but I kept telling him not to worry about it. I didn't want to ruin people's night, and I didn't want to miss my band.

"In the end I was taken to the first aid tent, and my last memory is of lying on the ground with a slightly cross lady asking me questions. Everything was spinning – I assumed I was just drunk, but it was really frightening. Then apparently I had a seizure."

Nat was rushed to hospital, where scans revealed that she'd had a sub-arachnoid brain haemorrhage. Surgeons immediately set to work, "and I've got a scar from here to here," she says, running her finger from the left side of her skull to her right ear, "where they drilled to evacuate the big blood clot in my right frontal lobe. My parents came up straight away, and they were told that I probably wouldn't survive the next 24 hours."

The operation was a success, but complications meant that Nat had to have two further operations. She was then put into a medically-induced coma, during which time infections left her critically ill.

When she gradually came round, nearly three weeks later, Natalie was in a bad way – her left side was completely paralysed. "I couldn't see, couldn't speak, couldn't move," she says quietly. "I felt so scared. My face was frozen, and it remained paralysed for about three months, the same amount of time as my left side."

Nat was in hospital for nearly four months and made good progress, thanks to working hard at her physiotherapy exercises. But there was hidden damage: back home in Cambridge, she was left with memory problems and epilepsy: at one stage, she was having two 'grand mal' seizures every day.

"It was horrendous, and I didn't really leave the house," she says. "With the seizures I used to have, I'd go blue and stop breathing; they're different now, and I do get a lot more warning.

"But I have had to get off my bike and find a grassy patch where I won't bang my head against concrete, and just have to allow it to happen, because I can't stop it."

A trained make-up artist, Nat decided to start work again the following January, just four months after the haemorrhage. "I wanted to get back to work because I felt like I needed to prove there was a reason why I survived," she says.

"But it was ridiculous, totally unrealistic. I could hardly walk, I had no stamina, and it just made me very depressed. I felt like a failure."

She resigned, and tried other jobs, "but it always came down to the fact that I wasn't efficient enough; I operate on a slower rate to most people. In our society there's a real emphasis on efficiency, and when you're a bit broken you can't always keep up with that pace – and then you feel inadequate and demoralised.

"I was always honest about my situation, but people tend to take you at face value, and because I do look reasonably well, they expect

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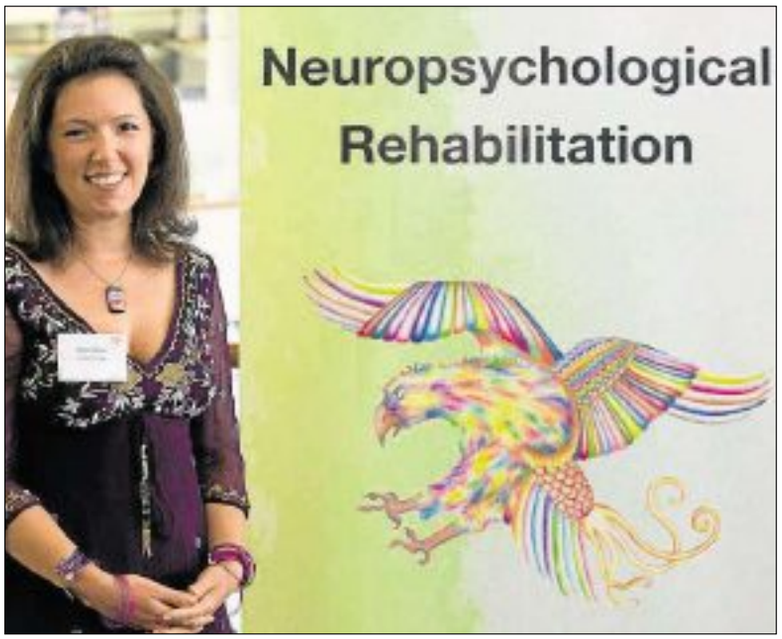

you to be fully capable, but unfortunately you're not. You're never quite the same."

Eighteen months on, Nat's relationship broke down, and the seizures continued to dominate her life. Sadly, the anti-convulsant medications proved as troublesome as the epilepsy itself.

"The meds don't agree with me," she says. "I've changed them so many times, but they've all had really difficult side-effects, from insomnia and incredible fatigue to depression. Conventional medicine has saved my life, and I'm very grateful for that, but it has caused me a lot of problems."

Three years ago, Nat was tipped off about the Oliver Zangwell Centre (OZC), a neuropsychological rehabilitation unit in Ely. It was to change her life.

"It's a wonderful place where you get to meet other people who have acquired brain injury," she says. "It was just really lovely to talk to people that have had similar experiences, and to not feel on my own."

Nat completed an 18-week programme at the OZC, which taught her not only about how the brain works, but also strategies to help her keep well.

It was also here that she saw the scan of her haemorrhage for the first time: "That's when I was told there was a 10 per cent survival rate; I hadn't known until then and, oh God, I cried my eyes out. I felt hugely humbled, just overwhelmed really."

As part of her therapy, Nat drew a phoenix: colourful and dramatic, it has now become OZC's logo. "I'm very proud of that," she says. "I wanted to create an image, and I just thought well, a phoenix rising from the ashes will sum up my journey really, because I've come from a really dark place into a more hopeful place. And I wanted to have it full of colour, because the phoenix has so much life – it's just had a bit of a difficult journey."

Last year, Nat had another bout of depression and poor health: "I literally felt hung-over," she recalls. "I couldn't think straight, I felt cold and shivery all the time, and this awful fatigue was just hanging over me. I spent months not really going out – I knew that if I saw someone for an hour that would wipe me out for the rest of the day."

A friend, who'd fully recovered from his ME, recommended a naturopathic doctor who specialises in gut issues, "and I felt instinctively that it was around that area, because there is a direct link between gut health and brain health," she says.

Nat has told her story in two publications: *Life After Brain Injury: Survivors' Stories* (published by Psychology Press, priced £28.99), and *Stories of Hope*, which can be downloaded for free at *cpft.nhs.uk/about-us/recovery-college-east.htm*.

Tests showed that Nat has gut dysbiosis: "It's basically when your gut is self-fermenting, which sounds disgusting – you've got a microbrewery in your own gut! The trouble is, it gets into your bloodstream and poisons you.

"So I've been on a course of treatment which included supplements and a certain type of eating plan, to cut out anything that would ferment and aggravate it, but I'm still not quite right."

Yet due to EU restrictions, the herbal medicines prescribed for Nat have been banned, "which is hugely frustrating because I just want to be well! I want to reach my full potential after struggling for 10 years.

"As soon as I started the treatment and a certain homoeopathic remedy, I was so much better than I was. I was a wreck before; I am a totally different person now – and if we can get the government to reconsider their decision, and if I can get hold of my medicine, I know I'll be so much better.

"The medicines in this country aren't designed to help with my condition; in Germany there is a much better understanding of gut dysbiosis, with treatments more readily available."

Aside from petitioning against the ban, Nat is now busying herself at Recovery College East, a Fulbourn-based college that helps people with mental health challenges.

"I started as a student, and on the first day I just had the most wonderful day.

"We talked about hope, and explored what recovery was all about, and really examined our feelings." After the session, Nat was told that she'd make a great tutor, "and I was like 'Woah! I'm only just keeping it together myself!' But it was something I wanted to do, so I went along to the tutor training."

She has now been teaching there for six months, and a project she particularly enjoys is 'Telling My Story', "where people can really open up, which just feels like a privilege each time, because people are so honest.

"Our focus is always on recovery, so we look at what we've taken from our experiences – and I know I wouldn't be the person I am today if I hadn't had the experiences that I've had," she says.

"Admittedly it's been incredibly tough, but I do see things in a different way now. I've developed an emotional intelligence, and I can really, truly empathise with people.

"I have my challenging days and, like a lot of people, I find this time of year difficult. But I have a lot to focus my energies on now, and it's lovely to be helping others on their journeys of recovery – and true self-discovery."

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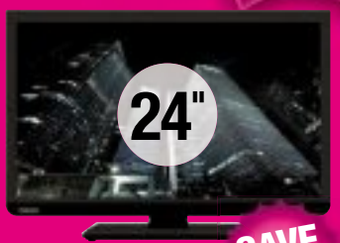

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A NEW steakhouse will not be opening its doors in Ely until April.

Steve and Jo Haslam are currently transforming what was The Boathouse, in Waterside, into an American-style steakhouse and grill.

The couple, who also own The Cutter, which is just a stone's throw away, hoped to open the new venue – called Grand Central Ely – at the end of this month.

But the plan is now to open the restaurant, which will serve steaks, ribs, burgers and shrimps, in early April.

Mr Haslam said: "We were hoping to open Grand Central Ely at the end of February but the refurbishment has been a much bigger job than we originally thought.

"We're completely transforming the place, including re-wiring and plumbing, so it's been a big job.

"Everything is coming on well now and we will be opening at the beginning of April. It's fair to say the venue will be totally unrecognisable."

Mr and Mrs Haslam run seven pubs and restaurants under the name TLC Inns.

DELIGHTED: The firm has scooped a BETA award for the second year running

Celebrations at Soham pet store

A SOHAM pet store has won a prestigious award – for the second year running.

Alan's Ark and Ark Equestrian has scooped the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) Small Retailer of the Year award.

The business, which is run by Alan and Carole White and is based in Northfield Road, also won the prize last year.

A spokeswoman for the firm said: "To win an award is great but to win the same award two years running is really fantastic.

"We're all delighted and would like to thank our customers for their continued support."

The pet and equestrian centre is a family-run business which has been open since 1997. They also have a branch in Fulbourn.

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JORDAN DAY

ELY City Golf Club has been awarded the prestigious 'Golf Mark' accreditation by England Golf.

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Pregnant woman's aspirin rules appeal

ADAM LUKE

AN expectant mother is calling for closer links between hospitals and pharmacies after being made to feel "irresponsible" when requesting aspirin.

Paula Goodale, of Silvers Close, Soham, is at high risk of pre-eclampsia – a condition which can lead to serious complications for mother and baby in the second half of pregnancy – and was told by Cambridge's Rosie Hospital that a small daily dose of the medicine would help.

But when she requested 75mg doses at various pharmacies in the Ely area, she was forced to show her medical records, and on one occasion was refused point-blank after being told no hospital should recommend aspirin use during pregnancy.

The 37-year-old, who is 32 weeks pregnant, was forced to send partner David Swinton, father of their 20-month-old daughter Brooke, to pick up the drug from a supermarket shelf.

Aspirin is currently not licensed for over-the-counter sale to pregnant women, but Paula said the rules should change.

She said: "When you go to the Rosie you are given a 50-page pack of information and personal records to take you through your pregnancy and mine clearly states that I am at high risk of pre-eclampsia because my mum and sister had it.

FRUSTRATED: Paula Goodale, 37, is calling for changes to rules on aspirin

"It recommends a daily dose of aspirin between weeks 12 and 36, but in trying to get it from pharmacies I have been made to feel that I am irresponsible and doing a bad thing.

"It is becoming more and more widely known that aspirin can help expectant mothers but pharmacists still aren't seeing it that way."

Paula says she plans to discuss with her midwifery team why she was not given a prescription by a doctor at the Rosie.

Anna Shasha, head of midwifery at the Rosie, said: "Every woman's experience of pregnancy is different and we take great care to make sure we devise a support plan to meet their individual situation.

"It is normal practice to advise women at risk of pre-eclampsia to take 75mg of aspirin per day.

"This is in line with the NICE guidance given in their hand held notes and is backed up by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists who give the same advice on their website."

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Roots music

■ John Harle and Marc Almond – The Tyburn Tree, Cambridge Corn Exchange, Tuesday, March 4 at 7.30pm. Tickets £20-£24 from (01223) 357851 / *www.cornex.co.uk*

LONDON and its darkest stories are the theme for *The Tyburn Tree*, the new collaboration between two acclaimed Ivor Novello 2013 winning artists: multi-award-winning British saxophonist, composer and record producer John Harle and iconic singer Marc Almond.

The concept album, *The Tyburn Tree – Dark London,* was released on Sospiro Noir (and distributed by Proper Records) this week. The project will receive its live premiere during a UK tour which includes Cambridge Corn Exchange on Tuesday, March 4, as part of the venue's adventurous new live music programming strand cornex: discover.

Andrew Burton caught up with Marc Almond and John Harle over email about what musical treats lie in store. . .

What should audiences expect when they see The Tyburn Tree?

Marc Almond: The concert will be a live performance of the album with a little added theatricality. John may extend a couple of the pieces for live. Even I'm not too sure what to expect at this point, the piece is quite powerful.

John Harle: An exciting show full of rhythm, energy and Marc singing at his best! We have an incredible band, including Ian Thomas on drums (Seal/George Michael/Eric Clapton/Mark Knopfler) and Sarah Leonard, who I have worked with for years and is the voice of my theme for *Silent Witness.*

Have you collaborated before and what was it that brought you together to create this piece?

MA: I sang on a couple of tracks on John's album *Art Music* last year, inspired by the paintings of David Hockney. We both share a love of British history, particularly London's dark history.

JH: Marc sang on my album *Art Music* last year, but we've been planning *The Tyburn Tree* for longer than that. It seemed that we'd both been planning this album independently of each other, because when we met around two years ago, we described the same album to each other!

What was it that particularly drew you to the subject matter of London's dark history?

MA: London's colourful and dark history has always held a deep fascination for me and I've collected and read many books on it. My favourite is Peter Ackroyd's *London: A Biography.* London is a place of myth and legend, none more so than the myths surrounding Jack The Ripper and the area of London where the murders happened and the speculation of who did it.

JH: We are both from the north of England, but spent most of our working lives in London. Northerners see and think about London differently to Londoners. They see the roots of power in the streets and the romance of the history in a different way. This is a love affair with a mythological and dark history of London.

What sort of music is it?

MA: The music actually covers quite a few genres from folk to techno ambient and classical. There's some very tribal drums in a couple of songs, brass and voices. Quite apocalyptic. I joke with John that it's very progressive rock.

JH: Yes, this is definitely progressive music. Heavily influenced by rock, electronica and classical together. Fun and quirky – but with a solid beat!

The music from The Tyburn Tree is probably impossible to categorise but can you explain to readers what sort of mood or ambience it creates and how it will make them feel?

MA: I hope it will excite them and give them goosebumps.

JH: It should feel like a dream – surreal, subconscious elements vying for dominance – surprising and ultimately both fun and uplifting.

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Think Pink

■ The Australian Pink Floyd Show, Cambridge Corn Exchange, Thursday, February 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets £28.50 - £38.50 from (01223) 357 851 / cornex.co.uk

THE Australian Pink Floyd Show, whose note-perfect recreations of their Cambridge namesakes' back catalogue, are visiting the city where it all began with their new show, *Set the Controls*.

"We are giving the fans the opportunity to vote for two songs off the albums *Dark Side of the Moon*, *Wish You Were Here* and *Division Bell*," explains bassist Colin Wilson. "The songs that get the most votes will be played."

You can vote online at *aussiefloyd.com*, and, he continues: "It's also a great way of gathering information, to find out if we are playing the most popular Floyd songs. To that end, we are thinking of expanding the poll to include all Pink Floyd songs; it might throw up a few surprises."

The band formed in Melbourne in 1988 and quickly gained a following because of their uncannily accurate versions of Pink Floyd's classic repertoire.

They are so good, Floyd guitarist David Gilmour had them play at his 50th birthday and drummer Nick Mason has gone on record saying "they are probably better than we were".

Now UK-based, there are three Aussies left in the line-up: founder members Jason Sawford (keyboards) and Steve Mac (guitar), and Colin on bass.

And they're not just known for the standard of their covers; their visuals are pretty epic too.

"When we first started the visuals, we tended to make it as close as possible to the Pink Floyd stuff and in the last few years I've pushed for a bit of a change," explains Colin, who designs the band's artwork and merchandise on top of his bass duties. "The visuals are becoming more 'our' interpretations of what Floyd would do and not just a direct copy; this gives us the chance to be more creative and stamp our own identity on the show."

But don't fret, all your classic Pink Floyd favourites will be in there. Honest.

films

nowshowing

February 28-March 6

CAMBRIDGE VUE
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Kids am: Moshi Monsters (U): Sat-Sun 10am
Kids am: The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Sat-Sun 10.30am
Seniors: Gravity 2D (12a): Tues 12noon
Subtitled Shows: The Monuments Men (12a): Sun 1.50; Tues 8
Non-Stop (12a): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3, 5.40, 8.20, 10.50; Sun-Tues 12.30, 3, 5.40, 8.20; Wed 12.30, 3, 5.40, 8.20, 10.50; Thu 12.30, 3, 5.40, 8.20
The Book Thief (12a): Fri-Thu 1.30, 4.30, 7.30
Goldfrapp: Tales Of Us (12a): Tues 7.30
My Little Pony: Equestria Girls (U): Sat-Sun 10.30am
Gravity 3D (12a): Tues 8.40
The Lego Movie 2D (U): Fri 12.10, 2.40, 5.10, 7.50; Sat-Sun 11am, 12.20, 2.45, 5.10, 7.50; Mon-Thu 12.10, 2.40, 5.10, 7.50
The Lego Movie 3D (U): Fri 1.10, 3.40, 6.10; Sat-Sun 10.30am, 1.10, 3.40, 6.10; Mon 1.10, 3.40, 6.10; Tues 2.15, 4.40; Wed-Thu 1.10, 3.40, 6.10
The Wolf Of Wall Street (18): Fri-Sat 10.15; Wed 10.15; Thu 8.10
Dallas Buyers Club (15): Fri 12.20, 10.45; Sat 10.45; Mon 12.20; Tues 12.10; Wed 12.20, 10.45; Thu 12noon
12 Years A Slave (15): Fri 3.10, 8.50; Sat 8.50; Sun 8.30; Mon 3.10, 8.50; Tues 2.50; Wed 3.10, 8.50; Thu 2.40
Gravity 3D (12a): Fri-Sat 8.40, 11; Sun-Tues 8.40; Wed 8.40, 11; Thu 8.40
American Hustle (15): Fri-Sat 10.30; Tues 9; Wed 9, 10.30; Thu 9
The Monuments Men (12a): Fri-Thu 1.50 (subtitles Sun), 4.50, 8 (subtitles Tues)
Tinker Bell And The Pirate Fairy (U): Fri 3.50; Sat 11.30am, 12.30, 2.30, 4.40; Sun 11.30am, 12.40, 3.20; Mon-Thu 3.50
Her (15): Mon 9
Mr. Peabody and Sherman 2D (U): Fri 6.30; Sat-Sun 11.10am, 1.40, 4.10, 6.30; Mon 6.30; Tues 5.50; Wed 6.30; Thu 5.50
Robocop (12a): Fri 1, 6.20, 9.10; Sat 6.50, 9.40; Sun 5.40, 8.50; Mon-Thu 1, 6.10
Frozen 2D (PG): Fri 12.50; Sat-Sun 9.50am, 12.50; Mon-Thu 12.50

CAMBRIDGE ARTS PICTUREHOUSE
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CFC: Wes Anderson Day [no cert]: Sat 9.30am
Met. Opera: Prince Igor [no cert]: Sat 5
Moshi Monsters: The Movie [U]: Sat 10.30am, 11am
The Grand Budapest Hotel [15]: Sun 12.30, 3, 8.30; Wed 9
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The Monuments Men (12A): Fri 1, 4; Sat 1; Sun 3; Mon 1, 4; Tues 1; Wed 10.45am; Thu 5.10, 8.10
The Wolf Of Wall Street (18): Fri 7.10; Sat 4; Mon 7.10; Tues 4; Wed 7.10; Thu 1.55
The Armstrong Lie (15): Tues 7.50
The Grand Budapest Hotel (1): Sun 12.30, 6
Picturehouse Pythons, Kids Club: Moshi Monster Movie (U): Sat 11am
Autism Show: Peter Pan (U): Sun at: 11.30am
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American Hustle (15): Fri-Sun 8
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Philomena (12A): Sun 7.30
American Hustle (15): Wed 7.30

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American Hustle (15): Fri-Sat 7.30

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film of the week

THE BOOK THIEF
certificate 12A, 2h11m

DEATH haunts every frame of Brian Percival's wartime drama.

The Grim Reaper (voiced by Roger Allam) is the mellifluous narrator of this beautifully crafted story of courage and determination during the Second World War, based on the international bestseller of the same name by Markus Zusak.

Unseen until the final frames, the shadowy figure casts an unsentimental eye over characters in the midst of bitter and bloody conflict.

"The only truth that I truly know is that I am haunted by humans," he confides. In particular, Death is haunted by a girl called Liesel Meminger (Sophie Nelisse).

As tensions escalate across Europe, Liesel bids a tearful farewell to her Communist mother (Heike Makatsch) and is delivered into the care of foster parents Hans and Rosa Hubermann (Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson).

With encouragement from Hans, Liesel learns to read and develops a voracious appetite for books which is sated in secret by the mayor's wife Ilsa (Barbara Auer, who owns a vast library of texts, many of which would go up in flames at one of the Nazis' book-burning ceremonies.

Liesel hides these visits from everyone, including her neighbour and good friend Rudy Steiner (Nico Liersch), who proudly enrols in the Hitler Youth movement.

One night, a Jewish refugee called Max Vandenburg (Ben Schnetzer) arrives at the Hubermanns' home and they offer him shelter in the basement.

Liesel becomes complicit in Max's concealment. However, when school bully Franz Deutscher (Levin Liam) overhears Liesel confessing her secret to Rudy, it seems that Max's grim fate is sealed.

Intercut with Death's words of wisdom, *The Book Thief* is a handsome and poignant drama that compels us to care about the heroine as she risks her life to protect the people she loves from annihilation.

Nelisse is an endearing screen presence, whose innocence provides a glimmer of light during the darkness of the film's tense and harrowing moments. She gels splendidly with Rush as the man of principle with a heart of gold, and Watson is imperious in opening scenes as an iron-fisted matriarch who, as Hans puts it, "isn't as strong as she looks."

John Williams's Oscar-nominated score resonates loud and clear and is complemented by excellent production design and costumes that evoke the turbulent period between 1938 and 1942.

Like Death, we too are haunted by Liesel and her incredible journey, which lingers in the memory long after the curtain falls on Percival's impressive picture.

A touch of texture

ITALIAN garden designer Luciano Giubbilei is famous for his creations of understated elegance, simple and clean symmetrical design complimented by his use of nature, materials, light, space and art.

His style is modern but uses formal approaches and clipped plants, while his designs are dominated by trees, hedges and grasses, with frequent repeat planting – and there is an all-important texture to all his gardens too.

by Hannah Stephenson

"Texture is not something that we just look at, it's something that we experience," Giubbilei explains. "Certain surfaces make you observe where you are going to be walking, for example. Smooth surfaces are easy to walk on, which will encourage you to look further afield to observe a space more in depth."

Texture isn't solely focused on the physical feel of something, he continues.

"Texture is associated with emotion. The way we experience space isn't just visual."

He has used this vision to create the Laurent-Perrier show garden at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower show, comprising a simple geometric layout juxtaposed with detail which explores the contrasting concepts of stillness and movement, elegance and rawness.

The walls of concrete and metal combine lustres and materials; the stone surfaces are executed with contrasting finishes; the flow and reflection of the water gives light and animation to the space. The planting features delicate forms alongside bolder architectural leaves – providing a colour spectrum of yellows, creams and whites, punctuated by accents of blue, with a backdrop of deep green foliage.

A strong wooden sculpture designed by highly acclaimed American artist Ursula von Rydingsvard will also contribute to the garden's exploration of texture.

He insists you don't need designers of the highest level to make texture work though, and says it can be created in any garden, even the smallest space.

"If I just had a patio and I wanted to create texture, the only thing I need is one beautiful tree. That would create the texture."

Choose patio plants carefully to create different textures. Cluster groups of pots together combining clipped evergreens with more fluid plants such as ferns. He favours predominantly green schemes, but these could be enhanced with the inclusion of pots of bulbs such as Tulipa 'Belle Epoch', with double flowers in shades of coffee mousse, flushed with pink.

In a wider space, placing clipped plants such as box or beech hedging next to wilder varieties such as ferns, which are softer and less uniform, will create an effective contrast of stillness and movement.

"People can create a mood in their garden using green, big-leaved plants such as hostas, ligularia and darmera (umbrella plant), which give you weight in a border. That weight also creates a certain feeling of calm."

In the Laurent-Perrier garden, the hard materials include a concrete wall, a cedar wood sculpture with a backdrop of concrete.

Giubbilei adds how he believes in the use of straight lines in his designs. "For me, the straight line has an honesty about it but the curve is trying to mimic. You never have to see a straight line. It can be perfectly hidden with planting on the very edge of the line."

■ The RHS Chelsea Flower Show runs from May 20-24.

puzzles

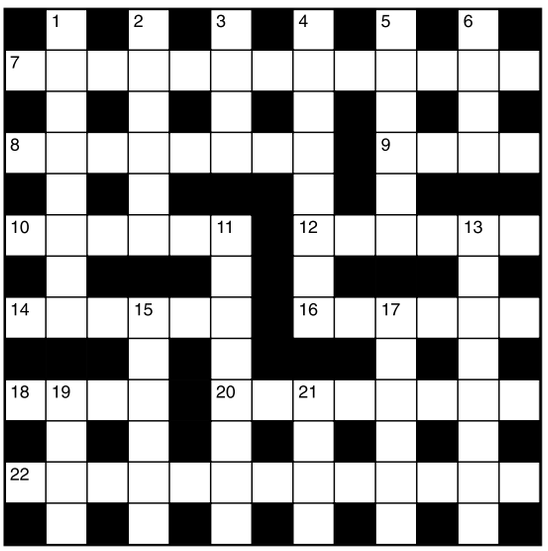
crossword

ACROSS

7. He's mainly a scientist (13)
8. They can be ruthless (8)
9. Made up to look like a pantomime character.... (4)
10. ... but unfortunately ends up as a parody (4-2)
12. Being awfully rude on ship due to coercion (6)
14. A pastry's rolled over in layers (6)
16. A slight semblance of change - how sad! (6)
18. Run away like lightning? (4)
20. A cot for a renegade (8)
22. A song for one involved in ritual banner-waving (4,9)

DOWN

1. The butcher's out to become a composer (8)
2. Required a pale man ... (6)
3. ... to get me a book (4)
4. Campaigns for used cars to be serviced (8)
5. Rest the creature (6)
6. A name such as Hilary? (4)
11. They may be needed after accidents with staplers (8)
13. Irregular employment of injured picadors (8)
15. Song the man rewrote (6)
17. Stress that money is on account (6)
19. Work for the creature with a month's leave (4)
21. She's awfully hurt (4)



Last week's answers: Across: 1 Lens; 8 North Wales; 9 Sergeant; 10 Race; 12 Trivia; 14 Second; 15 Deform; 17 Assets; 18 Stye; 19 Horse-man; 21 Discretion; 22 Asti. Down: 2 Endearment; 3 Snug; 4 Armada; 5 Chutes; 6 Barracks; 7 Isle; 11 Constraint; 13 Violence; 16 Mahler; 17 Adroit; 18 Side; 20 Edna.

sudoku

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Last week's answer:

1	4	9	6	5	7	3	8	2
7	6	5	3	8	2	4	1	9
2	3	8	1	9	4	7	6	5
3	5	7	9	4	8	6	2	1
6	8	4	5	2	1	9	3	7
9	2	1	7	3	6	8	5	4
4	9	2	8	1	3	5	7	6
8	1	6	4	7	5	2	9	3
5	7	3	2	6	9	1	4	8

niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

456745 gives a fruit
12889 gives a hot dish
47843 gives cakes

Last week's answer:
IMPOSTURE

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the GUIDE — weekend television

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15 Cycling. 2.45 Bargain Hunt. 3.30 Escape to the Country. 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 Reflex. 5.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

6.15 **Pointless Celebrities.**
7.00 **The Voice UK.** The battle rounds begin as the coaches enlist four advisers – Jake Shears, Katy B, Tinie Tempah and Dante Santiago – and pit their acts against each other in the sing-offs.
9.10 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.
9.20 **Casualty.** Robyn injures herself after confronting an intruder in her home, and Lily shows her softer side while treating a heavily pregnant woman in severe pain.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Fulham v Chelsea; National Lottery Update.
11.45 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.15 FILM: Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon (1967). Sci-fi comedy, starring Terry-Thomas. **8.10 Life on Earth. 10.00 Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain. 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 12.00pm James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.30 Talking Pictures. 1.10 FILM: The Lady Vanishes (1938).** Alfred Hitchcock's mystery, with Michael Redgrave. **2.45 Final Score. 4.00 Coast. 4.15 Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Bear. 5.15 Restoration Home One Year On.**

6.15 **Flog It!**
7.15 **Dad's Army.** Jones finds himself cast adrift.
7.45 **The Perfect Morecambe & Wise.** A selection of sketches featuring the duo.
8.15 **Darcey's Ballerina Heroines.** Darcey Bussell explores the changing role of the ballerina.
9.15 **QI XL.** With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey and Susan Calman.
10.00 **Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.**
10.30 **FILM: The Producers (2005).** Musical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane.

12.35am FILM: Lady Caroline Lamb (1972). Romantic historical drama, starring Sarah Miles and Richard Chamberlain. **2.35 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 Dinner Date. 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. 11.15 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.25 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 11.50 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 12.45pm The Unforgettable Frankie Howerd. 1.15 Midsomer Murders. 3.15 FILM: Tea with Mussolini (1999).** Period comedy drama, starring Maggie Smith and Judi Dench. **5.35 ITV News Anglia;** Weather. **5.45 ITV News and Weather.**

6.00 **You've Been Framed! Best of the Best.**
7.00 **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** The Geordie duo target chef Gordon Ramsay with their latest stunt, Little Ant and Dec meet Mr Selfridge star Jeremy Piven and comedienne Sarah Millican is the guest announcer.
8.20 **The Cube.** New series. Gym instructor Chris and student Sophie hope to beat the Cube and take home the £250,000 jackpot.
9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Claudia Schiffer, Dara O Briain, Kristin Davis and Ice Cube.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.35 **FILM: Fast & Furious (2009).** Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel.

12.35am Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 6.35 The Grid. 7.00 Trans World Sport. 7.55 Paralympic Winter Games – The Countdown. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 How I Met Your Mother. 12.30pm The Simpsons. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Doncaster. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.**

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.05 **The Restoration Man.**
8.00 **The Storms That Stole Christmas.** The stories of those who bore the brunt of the bad weather over Christmas 2013 and the surrounding period, featuring amateur footage and expert commentary.
9.00 **Hostages.** Ellen must decide whether to save Duncan's life and sets out to track down his wife Nina, while Boyd sneaks into the Sanders' home in a misguided attempt to help Morgan.
10.00 **FILM: The Lincoln Lawyer (2011).** Premiere. Legal thriller, starring Matthew McConaughey.

12.15am FILM: A History of Violence (2005). Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. **2.00 Boss. 3.05 Mesh: Covert. 3.10 One Born Every Minute. 4.05 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. 4.10 Hollyoaks.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 9.55 FILM: Jetsons: The Movie (1990). Children's animation, voiced by Mel Blanc. **11.25 FILM: Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild (2005).** Children's animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **12.55pm FILM: Getting Even with Dad (1994).** Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **3.00 FILM: Columbo: Playback (1975).** Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **4.35 FILM: Columbo: Candidate for Crime (1973).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.

6.30 **The NCIS Movie: Payback.**
9.05 **5 News Weekend.**
9.10 **Live International Boxing.** James DeGale v Gevorg Khatchikian. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the super middleweight bout at the City Academy in Bristol.
11.10 **FILM: Pistol Whipped (2008).** A former cop becomes a hitman to clear his debts, but begins to suspect his employer is hiding something from him. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal and Lance Henriksen. Edited for language.

1.05am SuperCasino. 3.05 Benidorm ER. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Hana's Helpline.

The Voice UK, Saturday, BBC1, 7pm

Darcey's Ballerina Heroines, Saturday BBC2, 8.15pm

Dragons' Den, Sunday, BBC2, 9pm

Mr Selfridge, Sunday, ITV, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 BBC News;** Weather. **1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.15 The Indian Doctor. 3.00 Flog It! 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.10 Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. 4.40 Songs of Praise. 5.15 Pointless Celebrities.**

6.05 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
6.30 **Blandings.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker explores Elmley Marshes on the Isle of Sheppey.
8.00 **Call the Midwife.** A new mother and her baby go missing.
9.00 **The Musketeers.** The swordsmen help a young mother rescue her kidnapped baby son, while the king is reluctantly reunited with his scheming mother Marie de Medici.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Swansea City v Crystal Palace.
11.30 **The League Cup Show.** Manchester City v Sunderland.

12.10am Weatherview. 12.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.10 FILM: School for Scoundrels (1960). Comedy, starring Ian Carmichael. **7.40 Monty Don's Italian Gardens. 8.40 Countryfile. 9.40 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.10 James Martin: Home Comforts. 11.55 Michel Roux's Service. 1.55pm FILM: Vertigo (1958).** Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **4.00 Cycling. 5.35 Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible – Natural World Special.** Scientists trying to find and film a living giant squid.

6.20 **FILM: Invincible (2006).** Fact-based sporting drama, starring Mark Wahlberg.
8.00 **Top Gear.** Richard Hammond drives the Porsche 918 Spyder.
9.00 **Dragons' Den.** A London-based entrepreneur pitches a new take on the sticky note. Last in the series.
10.00 **Mock the Week Looks Back at Science and Technology.** Another themed selection from the show's archives.
10.30 **Line of Duty.** Denton reveals a high-ranking officer has a motive for framing her.
11.30 **FILM: The Mission (1986).** Historical drama, with Robert De Niro.

1.30am Sign Zone: Countryfile. 2.25 Sign Zone: Holby City. 3.25 Sign Zone: Silk. 4.25 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.30 River Monsters. 12.30pm FILM: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991).** Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Rip Torn. **2.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 3.30 FILM: Diamonds Are Forever (1971).** James Bond spy adventure, starring Sean Connery. **5.50 ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.15 **Dancing on Ice.**
7.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Coronation Street special of the game show. Last in the series.
8.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** The two lowest-scoring couples compete. Last in the series.
9.00 **Mr Selfridge.** The police investigate Harry's disappearance.
10.00 **ITV News at Ten and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst.** Compilation of clangers from the programme's history.
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the 16th round of top-flight fixtures.

12.15am The Store. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.20am The Hoobs. 7.10 Freesports on 4. 7.35 Arenacross. 8.00 FIM Superbike World Championship. 8.35 Sochi Special: Paralympic Winter Games. 9.05 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.35pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 How I Met Your Mother. 2.25 The Simpsons. 3.20 Deal or No Deal. 4.25 FILM: Grease (1978). Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Fish Fight: Hugh's Last Stand.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall talks about radical reforms to fishing policies.
8.00 **Britain's Bronze Age Mummies: A Time Team Special.** An archaeological dig on a burial ground in Northumberland.
9.00 **FILM: Salt (2010).** A CIA agent goes on the run after she is accused of being a sleeper assassin sent to murder the Russian president. Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie.
11.00 **FILM: Predator (1987).** Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.00am FILM: The Fountain (2006). Romantic sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz. **2.35 One Born Every Minute. 3.30 Supernanny US. 4.15 Location, Location, Location. 5.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. 5.25 Deal or No Deal.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai. 10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. 11.05 Access. 11.10 Road Terror: Caught on Camera. 11.50 The Hotel Inspector. 12.50pm Ice Road Truckers. 1.50 Police Interceptors. 2.50 FILM: Beetlejuice (1988). Supernatural comedy, starring Michael Keaton. **4.40 FILM: Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005).** Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson.

6.35 **FILM: The Fifth Element (1997).** Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **FILM: Erin Brockovich (2000).** A single mother goes to work at a law firm and ends up taking on a company suspected of contaminating a small town's water. Fact-based drama, with Julia Roberts.
11.45 **FILM: The Fog (2005).** A coastal town enveloped in a menacing mist is haunted by the vengeful spirits of shipwrecked sailors who died 100 years before. Horror remake, with Tom Welling and Selma Blair.

1.35am SuperCasino. 3.05 Trauma Doctors. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.45 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Hana's Helpline.

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The area's number one for property for sale and to rent

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HIGH STREET, SOHAM
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Soham £184,950

End terrace house with accommodation comprising, hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms with en-suite to master and bathroom. The property benefits from off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B.

Soham £154,950

Semi detached house offering two bedrooms, lounge/dining room, kitchen and bathroom with off road parking and enclosed rear garden. Viewing is strongly recommended. *No onward chain* EPC Rating TBA

Soham £425,000

Superb detached family residence with four bedrooms and three reception rooms situated in a non estate location on the outskirts of Soham. Viewing strongly recommended. EPC Rating TBC.

Chippenham £137,500

Detached house in sought after village with accommodation comprising kitchen, lounge/dining room, bedroom and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D

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Soham £144,950

Coach House style apartment situated on a popular residential development with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms with ensuite to master and bathroom. EPC Rating C.

Soham £675

Semi detached house with two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, additional reception room and bathroom. The property has no rear garden. EPC Rating TBA

Soham £600 pcm

Two bedroom top floor apartment, gas radiator heating, double glazed, allocated parking. EPC rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £142,500

Semi detached house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from enclosed rear garden and garage en-bloc. EPC Rating TBA.

Soham £599

Two bedroom house close to town centre with kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and courtyard garden. No parking. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Dobede Way, Soham £670

Spacious ground floor apartment with living area. kitchen, two bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom. Allocated parking space.

Soham £775

End terrace house with three bedrooms, en-suite to bedroom one, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Allocated parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £675

Mid terraced house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Garage, gas heating and rear garden. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees are applicable from £200 plus VAT*.

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- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached House
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Energy Rating - C

£142,995

CHATTERIS
- Two Bedroom
- First Floor Flat
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Communal Roof Garden
- Energy Rating - B

£97,500

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- Detached House
- Extensive Off Road Parking
- En-Suite to Master
- Energy Rating - D

£188,995

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached House
- Separate Dining Room
- En-Suite
- Energy Rating - D

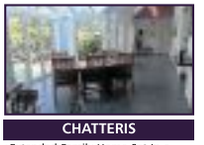
£125,000

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Wooden Floorboard
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Energy Rating - D

£125,000

CHATTERIS
- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Non-Estate Location
- Energy Rating - TBC

£114,995



CHATTERIS
- Extended Family Home Set In a Beautiful Rural Location
- Kitchen/ Family Room Over-Looking Swimming Pool
- Energy Rating- F

O.I.R.O £450,000

CHATTERIS
- Three / Four Bedrooms
- Spacious & Versatile - EPC Rating 'C'
- Cottage Style Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

£259,995

CHATTERIS
- Two Bed, End of Terraced House
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Energy Rating - TBC
- Gas Central Heating

£110,000

CHATTERIS
- Two Bedrooms
- Detached Bungalow
- New Build
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating - tbc

£169,995

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Brand New

£140,000

CHATTERIS
- No Upward Chain- EPC 'D'
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

£129,950

CHATTERIS
- One Double Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobe
- Garage And Parking- EPC Rating- D
- Cul De Sac Location
- Ideal First Time, Retirement Or Investment Buy

£98,000

CHATTERIS
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Garage And Off-Road Parking
- Kitchen/ Breakfast Plus Utility
- Energy Rating- C

£249,995

CHATTERIS
- 2/3 Bed Detached Cottage
- Grade 2 Listed Cottage
- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating- E

£230,000

CHATTERIS
- Plot Size approx. 4 Acres (STS)
- Three Bedrooms plus One Bedroom Annexe
- Stables x3 and Paddocks
- Rural Location, Energy Rating- TBC

£497,500

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating- D

£130,000

CHATTERIS
- 1 Acre Plot (sts)
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Extensive Off Road Parking
- Extensive Accommodation
- Energy Rating - D

£329,995

CHATTERIS
- No Upward Chain
- Two Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Off Road parking
- Town Centre Location

£114,995

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LITTLEPORT O/A £149,950

A well proportioned, individually built, detached 2 bedroom bungalow which lies in a convenient position close to the local facilities in this well served village location.

WITCHFORD O/A £169,950

A spacious, 3 bedroom, end of terrace property in a courtyard style cul de sac setting with garage. EPC - 67(D)

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £189,950

An individually designed 2/3 bedroom detached family home situated just off the High Street in this sought after Village. No Upward Chain. EPC - 78(C)

WICKEN O/A £475,000

An opportunity to purchase a truly delightful, partially renovated, 15th Century Grade II Listed cottage set in charming, south facing gardens.

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A stunning, 3 bedroom, family home offering flexible accommodation over 3 floors situated in a small close on this popular modern development. EPC - 77(C)

LITTLEPORT

An ideal first time or investment property offering 3 bedrooms and situated on an established development on the outskirts of the village. No Upward Chain. EPC - 77(C)

ELY

A superbly presented 5 bedroom link detached property facing the green with views towards Ely Cathedral within the Lantern school catchment area. EPC - 69(C)

ELY

A well presented, double fronted 5 bedroom detached family home situated within the catchment area of the Lantern Primary School. No Upward Chain. EPC - 69(C)

ELY O/A £355,000

A most impressive 6 bedroom detached family home offering spacious accommodation over three floors and situated in the catchment area of the Lantern School. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Master Bedroom with Walk-in Dressing Room and En-Suite Bathroom, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 4 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, DG, GCH, Tandem Length Garage, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens. EPC - 69(C)

ELY O/A £365,000

A beautifully presented, completely refurbished, double fronted detached residence which lies in an appealing cul de sac position close to St John s School. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Refitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, New DG, GCH (new boiler), Front Garden, Large Rear Garden, Double Garage, Driveway Parking. EPC - 63(D)

COVENEY O/A £475,000

An impressive, late 18th Century, double fronted detached residence which lies in an elevated position with far reaching countryside views. Recp., Inner and Rear Hall, Sitting Room, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, 6 Bedrooms (3 with En-Suites and 2 with own separate access), Family Bathroom, Cellar, DG, Oil Central Heating, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Garage, Hard Standing for Several Vehicles. EPC - 27(F)

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SOHAM — O/A £170,000

A particularly well appointed, and extremely spacious, 4 bedroom semi detached property which lies in a convenient spot literally a stones throw from the Church in the centre of this popular well served village location. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dual Aspect Dining Room, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Low Maintenance Rear Garden, Off Road Parking. EPC - 53(D)

CHETTISHAM — O/A £215,000

A charming and beautifully presented 3 bedroom cottage situated in a small hamlet just north of Ely. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom/Utility Room, Wet Room, 3 Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking. EPC - 63(D)

LITTLEPORT — O/A £220,000

An individual, detached, 3 bedroom bungalow situated on a large private corner plot just a short walk from the village centre which offers the potential for further improvement. Reception Lobby, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Sun Room, Cloakroom, Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, Garage, Gas Central Heating, Large Gardens, Derelict Cottage with Further Gardens to Rear. EPC - 55(D)

ELY — £750 pcm*

A modern three bedroom mid terrace house which has just been totally redecorated throughout. An early inspection is recommended.Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen with Appliances, Living Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage in Block. EPC 83 - B

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

ELY — £1,100 pcm

A superb townhouse, situated in a delightful location close to the river and the Maltings, with views over Jubilee Gardens. EPC - 72(C)

Available end of Feb -Unfurnished

ELY — £525 pcm

A one bed ground floor flat in a converted Victorian property situated approx.15 minutes walk from the City Centre.79(C)

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Required 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses in Ely and the surrounding villages for company relocation

STRETHAM — £795 pcm

A recently constructed detached bungalow situated in the heart of this attractive village. EPC - 80(C).

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PYMOOR

A unique detached family home providing versatile six bedroom accommodation set within a generous 1/3 acre plot (STS).

6 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, study, cloakroom, utility, oil fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and gardens. EPC rating: D

£450,000

DODDINGTON

A unque and stylish family residence providing spacious four bedroom accommodation full of charm and character with additional one bedroom self contained annexe.

4 bedrooms, 2 en suite, bathroom, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, luxury kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, self contained annex, gas central heating and large gardens. EPC rating: C

£425,000

SUTTON

A detached four bedroom family home with excellent presentation and very high specification.

4 bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, utility room, study, cloakroom, double garage, rear and side garden, parking. EPC rating: D

£289,950

WILBURTON

An impressive detached bungalow providing versatile three bedroom accommodation, situated in this pleasant cul-de-sac amongst other similar dwellings.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, dining room, double glazing, oil central heating and driveway parking. EPC rating: D

£275,000

LITTLEPORT

A comfortably proportioned detached four bedroom home providing accommodation ideal for family occupation.

4 bedrooms, 2 en suites, family bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, three reception rooms, utility room, gas central heating, double glazing and single garage. EPC rating: B

£269,950

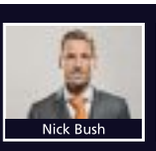
ELY

An attractive semi detached home with single store rear extension, well situated in this popular residential location.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, cloakroom, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen and gas central heating. No upward chain. EPC rating: D

£225,000

Your Ely sales team...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STRETHAM

A well presented four bedroom semi detached property located in a pleasant cul-de-sac.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, hallway, off-road parking and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£219,950

SOHAM

An attractive three bedroom modern home occupying a pleasant position within this popular development.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, gas central heating, double glazing, single garage and rear garden. EPC rating: C

£205,000

NEW

LITTLEPORT

An excellently presented three bedroom link detached property situated on the pleasant 'Holmewood' development.

3 bedrooms, two en suites, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, cloakroom, entrance hall, utility room, rear garden, off-road parking and gas central heating. EPC rating: B

£182,950

CHIPPENHAM

An attractively designed modern two bedroom home occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac location.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen, electric heating and double glazing. EPC rating: D

£139,950

NEW

SOHAM

An ideal opportunity to acquire this apartment in the town of Soham. The property has a tenant in place creating an ideal investment for any buy-to-let purchaser.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room and allocated parking space. EPC rating: D

£125,000

NEW

SUTTON

A two bedroom ground floor maisonette situated towards the far end of this pleasant lane.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance porch, sitting/dining room, kitchenette, gas central heating, parking space and front garden. EPC rating: B

£115,000

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An attractive four bedroom Grade II Listed townhouse located in the much sought after Waterside area in Ely.

The property retains many period features and will benefit from new decor and carpets throughout. It comprises of lounge with Inglenook fireplace, gas fired coal effect stove and quarry tiled floor, kitchen with gas fired Aga, washing machine and fridge/freezer, Garden room, four bedrooms and bathroom with shower over bath. Rear garden. Gas central heating. EPC rating: D.

£1,350 PCM*

ELY

A very well presented four bedroom semi detached house on this well regarded development close to the City Centre.

The property comprises of lounge with bay window, kitchen/diner, utility room, bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes and ensuite shower room, two double bedrooms, single bedroom and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway. EPC rating: C.

£995 PCM*

ELY — £650 PCM*

A well presented two bedroom end of terrace house located in a popular area providing easy access to the A10 and local amenities.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, WC, double bedroom with built in wardrobe, large single bedroom and bathroom with over bath shower. Side driveway parking for 2 cars. Rear garden. Gas central heating. Energy rating D.

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT — £400 PCM*

A first floor two bedroom flat situated in the well served village of Littleport.

The property offers a lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, single bedroom and bathroom with shower over bath. Electric heating. Two allocated parking spaces and enclosed rear communal garden. EPC rating: D.

LET

ELY — £635 PCM*

A well presented two bedroom cottage in a quiet location, within walking distance of the city centre.

This spacious property provides a lounge/diner with fireplace and laminate flooring, kitchen, ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath and two bedrooms Gas central heating. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Energy Rating D.

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LITTLEPORT £184,950

NEW

- Modern semi detached house
- Popular location
- Ideal for growing family
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Fitted kitchen dining room
- Lounge
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £167,500

NEW

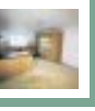
- Modern end terraced house
- Lounge and dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage and driveway
- EPC Rating D

SUTTON £329,950

- Spacious modern home
- Very smartly presented
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Split level lounge/dining room
- 4 double and 1 single bedrooms
- South facing garden view views

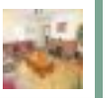
ALDRETH £399,950

- Spacious detached house
- Non estate and quiet hamlet location
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage and garden
- EPC Rating C



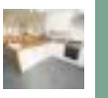
PRICKWILLOW £269,950

- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- Lounge with multi fuel burner
- Family/dining room
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- 4 good size bedrooms
- Low maintenance garden, garage
- EPC Rating C



WITCHFORD £295,000

- Modern detached house
- Popular location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Attractive open plan fitted kitchen
- Lounge and conservatory
- Garage and garden
- EPC rating C



MARCH £385,000

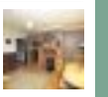
- Stunning townhouse
- Centrally located
- 6 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms
- Impressive entrance hall
- Kitchen and utility
- Detached outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating D

LITTLEPORT £155,000

- Established semi detached
- Smartly presented throughout
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Bathroom with separate shower
- In excess of 100ft rear garden
- EPC rating C

COVENEY £279,950

- Established detached bungalow
- Semi rural location with views over open fields
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- Detached double garage and attractive landscaped gardens
- EPC Rating E



SOHAM

SOLD

- Attractive cottage style semi
- Close to village amenities
- 2 first floor bedrooms and bathroom
- 3rd bedroom/dining room
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Ground floor shower room
- Immaculately presented
- EPC Rating C

ELY

NEW SOLD

- Modern end terrace house
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge and dining room
- Attached garage and parking
- Gas fired heating
- Pleasant rear garden
- Ideal investment/first purchase

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SOLD

- Modern detached house
- Popular village location
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge with bay window
- 2 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Low maintenance garden
- EPC Rating D

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Large modern family home

Ely: £225,000 – £235,000

- Chamberlain Fields
- Four bedrooms
- Master with en suite
- Open plan living area
- £225,000–£235,000

THIS four-bedroom detached home in Chamberlain Fields is on the market with a guide price of between £225,000 and £235,000. It has a large open plan lounge and a kitchen/dining room downstairs, while upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite shower and three more bedrooms. Call haart of Ely for further details on (01353) 664112.

Soham: £425,000

THIS four-bedroom detached property in a non-estate location in Broadpiece, on the outskirts of Soham, is on the market with an asking price of £425,000.
It has a study, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom and four bathrooms, including a master with en suite, as well as a family bathroom. Outside is a double garage, an enclosed rear garden and a driveway with off-road parking for several vehicles.

For further details contact Peter Michael Estate Agents on (01353) 725400.

Doddington: £259,995

A DETACHED, thatched, three-bedroom Grade II listed property in Ingles Lane, Doddington, is on the market for £259,995. It has an entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining/family area and utility room. The master bedroom has an en suite, and there are two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Character features include beamed ceilings and an Inglenook fireplace. Outside there is driveway parking for two vehicles to the front, a picket fence enclosing a lawned area, and a rear garden with patio area, lawn, trees including a yew tree with seating area, and shrubs.

Contact Kavanagh Hayes on (01353) 665791.

Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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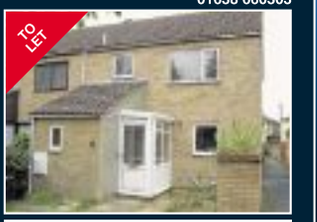

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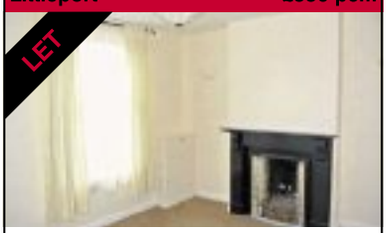

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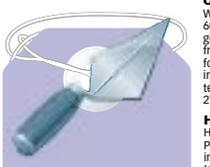

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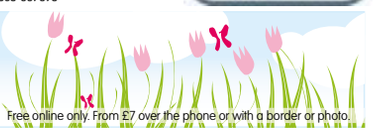

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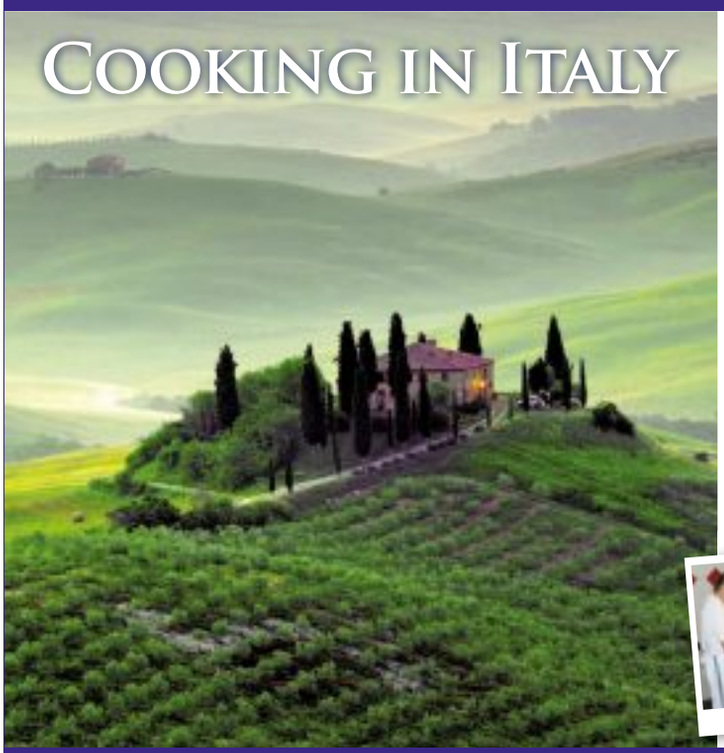

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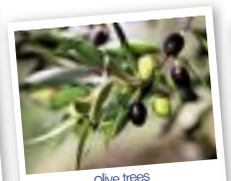

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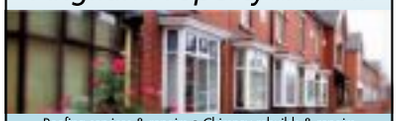

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If you have the leadership qualities and skills essential for this post, please contact Mrs Julie Faller, Practice Manager, Cedar House Surgery, 14 Huntingdon Street, St Neots PE19 1BQ – julie.faller@nhs.net for an application pack.

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To apply online for this vacancy and to view further information about the role, please visit: http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/3221. This will take you to the role on the University`s Job Opportunities pages. There you will need to click on the 'Apply online' button and register an account with the University's Web Recruitment System (if you have not already) and log in before completing the online application form.

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Rout: Haddenham Rovers under-12s enjoyed a big win over Willingham Wolves.

Perry's five-star show seals big victory

LEWIS Perry smashed five for Haddenham Rovers in their 11-1 rout of Willingham Wolves in BM Kempton 9v9 Youth League 12C.

Adam Clark got a hat-trick, and there were single strikes from Ben Woodbridge, Harry Beckson and George Walker.

Stanley Munns got the consolation goal for Willingham.

Table tennis

Success for Ely at annual tournament

ELY enjoyed big success in the league's annual tournament, with Andrew Maguire winning the veterans' singles, as well as the mixed doubles alongside Emily Birt at Soham's Ross Peers Sports Centre.

John Dyal took the handicap singles, Margaret Chambers won a pulsating ladies' singles final and Chambers teamed up with her sister Anne to win the ladies' doubles.

In the men's singles final, Soham's Martin Freeland just got the better of Haddenham's Kieran Mohan, but Mohan and his brother Patrick were victorious in the men's doubles.

And Impington's Ed Emmerson was the star turn once again in the junior singles as he won the event for a record fourth time.

Rob Pownall and Mark Lillyman joined forces to win the over-50s' doubles competition, Sammy Hague triumphed in the regular players' singles and the unseeded doubles was won by Marc Meunier and Marc Coles.

The event saw 39 players play in more than 160 matches, with Pete Claringbold and Caroline Wright managing the whole thing.

Speedy Bat Sports' John Skilleter had an equipment stall, TopSpinTT provided the tables, scoring and barriers and the sports centre provided refreshments.

In the first round of the league's Handicap Plate, Impington I visited Elsworth II and managed to wrap up a 5-3 victory, with Jan Hryca scoring a maximum but having to play to his limits to overhaul the opponents' handicaps.

Ben Brown beat Colin Fotland and Richard Smart, but he lost a three-setter to Samuel Mallett having taken the first leg. Elsworth's Smart and Mallett beat Ed Emmerson to complete their points score.

In the same competition, Ellesmere I beat Impington II 5-4 to progress to the second round after a hard-fought yet thoroughly enjoyable match.

The teams were Rob Boyce (+8), Chris Kirby (+19) and Aldo Galea (+9) for Ellesmere and Fred Laband (+12), Mike Johnston (+13) and John Bray (+12) for the Imps.

Laband kicked off with a tremendous first leg against Boyce, only to lose it 33-35, and Boyce then tightened up considerably and took the second 31-21.

Johnston saw off Kirby and Bray beat Galea in two straight games, the scores looking a lot more comfortable than it seemed.

Laband played Kirby and came out on top, with the Imps 3-1 ahead at that stage.

Nobody was ruling Ellesmere out at that point, however, and they battled back to lead 4-3 before Boyce saw off the brave Johnston to seal it at 5-3.

Kirby and Bray then played out the dead rubber, with Bray shading it by the odd leg.

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Boxing

Preparation will be key for Goodjohn title fight

TYLER Goodjohn believes he will be perfectly prepared when his English light-welterweight title fight against Tyrone Nurse takes place in April.

The Wentworth puncher has recently come off the back of a training camp in Lanzarote and with his fitness at its peak, will be able to concentrate on technique and tactics.

"There had been rumours the fight was going to happen so I'd been training hard," he said.

"I went to Lanzarote for altitude training, running up mountains and doing sprints.

"I've got all the fitness work in now so it's just about doing the sparring and keeping myself ticking over."

The fight, to be held at the Phones 4u Arena on April 19, will form part of a bill featuring Scott Quigg's super-bantamweight title defence and British Olympic gold medal stars Anthony Joshua MBE and Luke Campbell MBE, to be broadcast on Sky Sports.

Goodjohn had expected the title fight to take place on the back of his victory over Danny Connor in an eliminator bout last year but he was delighted to see the details finalised.

"It's a massive opportunity," he said.

"To be on Sky Sports makes it even better. You need to be boxing on TV if you're going to get your name out there.

"Now I can get my head down and prepare. If I can win it, I should have a good shot at the British title as well."

With 28 fights and 27 wins under his belt, Nurse will be the more experienced of the two boxers when they clash.

But that will not faze Goodjohn.

"I wouldn't want an easy fight for the belt," he continued.

"Looking at his record, he's only gone 10 rounds once whereas I've done four 10-round fights.

"I'm not taking anything away from him, he's a good boxer, but he's got quite a built-up record.

"Against someone like me, who's used to going 10 rounds, he's going to have a really hard fight. I'm 100 per cent confident about it."

Goodjohn will spar with English champion welterweight Bradley Sheet in preparation for the contest as he bears many similarities to Nurse.

"Tyrone is a tall, slim boxer and so is Bradley. To be sparring with him will be great.

"When the fight comes around I'll be in the best shape possible."

Motorsport

Carl gunning for glory

CARL Waterfield will contest the opening round of the two-litre Saloon Stock Car Championship at the Norfolk Arena, King's Lynn, this Saturday.

Ely driver Waterfield feels very much at home on the shale-surfaced track which stages the world championship final later this season.

The last time the big event was held at the venue, in 2009, Waterfield was victorious so he will be keen to repeat that success in 2014.

A good showing in this weekend's Clive Grief Memorial Trophy meeting would be the perfect way to get his campaign under way.

Further action on Saturday comes from the smaller 1300cc stock cars derived from road-going hatchbacks.

These cars have proved to be the ideal training ground for drivers looking to step up to the two-litre division.

Ely racer Danny McCluskey, a race winner on two occasions last year, will be gunning for glory.

The BriSCA Formula Two Championship also starts this weekend with Ely duo Tom Alsop and Shaun Russell expected to compete in super-fast specialist machinery.

Sawtry's Allen Cooper, a former championship winner, is also due to compete on Saturday after a two-year absence.

Netball

City go down to Chiltern

CITY of Ely suffered a 34-29 defeat to Chiltern Ladies in their latest encounter.

With three first-team players missing, City called upon their fellow club members to lend a hand.

A shaky start for City meant a dominant Chiltern held possession and took a 20-10 lead at half time.

Changes at the break saw Kim Nurse move to wing-attack and Beckie Mitchell come on as goal-shooter and nail every shot to get City back in the game at 25-24 down, but Chiltern pulled away in the last quarter. Sam King was awarded player of the match.

Dominoes

Littleport & District Dominoes League

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> Football

Stone gets off the mark with a draw

IT might only be a small step in the right direction, but Brady Stone has his first point on the board as Ely manager.

Stone, assisted by Ben Lawrence, stepped up from running the reserve team one week ago following Alan Alsop's resignation with the side in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division bottom three.

A draw against Mildenhall in their first game on Tuesday night saw them inch closer to survival in what was a hotly-contested encounter.

Joshua Townsend's equaliser to cancel out Craig Nurse's free kick was a moment of quality though, and Stone was buoyed by what he saw.

"We haven't really had time to train since Al stepped down, but we said to the boys everything we need to do," said Stone.

"We tried to play the right way rather than just getting the ball forward, and I think it worked and I think the boys enjoyed it.

"We need to believe and we need to keep encouraging each other, and just enjoy football again which I think they did.

"In the changing room afterwards they were all really happy. It seemed like they won the game, which was nice.

"We've got 11 cup finals to keep us in this league. I said that to the boys and they performed, so hopefully they can do it again on Saturday."

■ Luke Stanley grabbed a dramatic 90th-minute winner as Soham Town Rangers maintained their challenge for a place in the Ryman League, North Division promotion play-off places with a 3-2 win at home to Burnham Ramblers.

Soham started the game well and took a deserved lead through Buster Harradine .

But they suffered a setback in the first half when Joey Abbs had to withdraw from the action due to injury, with Michael Simpson coming on in his place, but some good saves from Enol Ordonez preserved their lead.

Soham were dealt another blow when Harradine turned his ankle on the half-hour mark and, after struggling on, he was unable to continue after half time.

Soham got off to a slow start in the second half and the visitors equalised just five minutes after the break. They then went in front 10 minutes later to lead 2-1.

But Soham have been on a good run of form recently and they showed great character to bounce back.

Ben Sawyer, who came on at the break for Harradine, and Stanley both went close but the hosts finally drew level 10 minutes from time with a goal from Jordan Gent at the far post.

And then in the 90th minute, Connor Wood made a good run and crossed for Stanley to knock in the winner from close range.

> Cycling

Standard set by Szlachta

WOJCIECH Szlachta set a course record in Ely & District Cycling Club's opening time trial of the season.

The Cambridge University CC rider led the finishers home in a time of 55min 8sec to set a new standard over the 25-mile Hard Riders course.

Starting in Little Downham, taking in Coveney, the A142, the A10 to Littleport, Pymoor and finally finishing back at Downham, the course offered very little shelter from the fenland winds.

Following Szlachta home was Richard Hancock from St Neots CC in a time of 58.25 with James Dixon completing a good day for the University Cycling Club as he came home in third place, with a time of 1hr dead.

The best home rider was Mathew Eley in fifth, posting a time of 1hr 2min 18sec.

Results: 1 Wojciech Szlachta 0:55.08, 2 Richard Hancock 0:58.25, 3 James Dixon 1:00.00, 4 Nick Jackson 1:01.53, 5 Mathew Eley 1:02.18, 6 Colin Lewin 1:02.44, 7 Chris Nudds 1:03.36, 8 Chris Rimes 1:03.40, 9 James Rush 1:03.47, 10 Andrew Roffe 1:03.50, 11 Danny Watkins 1:04.16, 12 John Polak 1:04.32, 13 Ben Keeley 1:06.08, 14 Luke Parker 1:07.12, 15 Robert Davies 1:07.17, 16 Martin Priestley 1:07.40, 17 Tom Sykes 1:07.41, 18 Tom Sharpe 1:08.19.

■ Ely have added a Saturday morning club ride to their weekend programme.

Leaving from Witchford Village College at 9am, the ride is a good opportunity for those new to or just getting back into cycling or new to riding in a group. Details of each ride are posted on Fridays on the club's Facebook page.

Record breaker: Wojciech Szlachta wins the Ely CC time trial.

> Rugby union

Houghton at double for Tigers

ELY were in free-scoring form in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One as they beat Harwich & Dovercourt 58-17.

The first score went to Ely, with quick ball wide to winger Kevin Houghton, who sped past his opposite number to touch down under the posts.

From the restart, Harry Rogerson fielded the kick before dodging through the defensive line and, after being brought down, a classy flip and roll saw him back on his feet to score Ely's second try.

The Tigers were on top and Joel Scott Paul stepped multiple players to score under the posts, then added the conversion.

Dave Kempers was next to get his name on the score sheet, with a crash ball putting him through the opposition defence and he stepped the last defender to score a converted try.

Scott Paul added to his tally before the end of the half with a penalty to make it 31-0 to Ely at half time.

Harwich pulled a try back but Ely replied by forcing the ball wide to Houghton for his second try, and then man-of-the-match Ed Fahy kicked a drop goal.

The Tigers continued their spree with three more tries.

Lee Coulson got the first after a quick switch of play saw him charge down the blind side.

Ricky Neale got the second with a charging run up the midfield, bouncing off multiple tackles to score under the posts.

And Fahy seized on confusion in the Harwich defence to finish Ely's scoring.

The hosts had the final say with two consolation tries in the closing 15 minutes.

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